

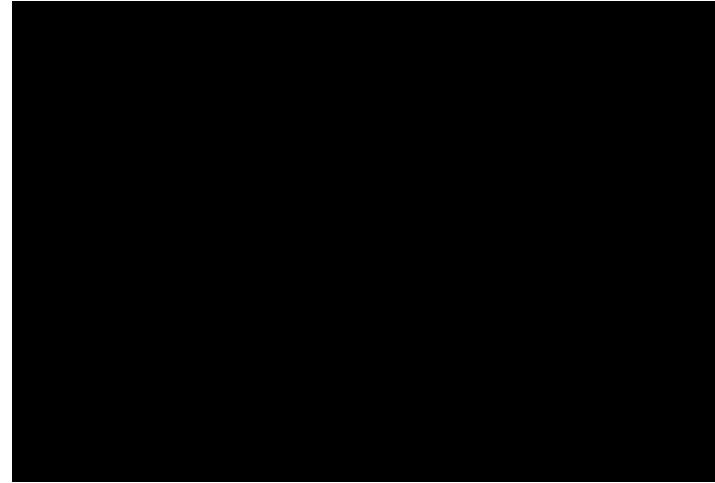
Covering the Cyclone Nargis: The Fieldwork Experience

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Junta blacks out media

By Mungpi, Mizzima News: Monday, 09 June 2008 22:24

The Burmese military junta on Monday warned cyclone victims to remain vigilant against donors, who it said were seeking personal benefits. The donors were taking the credit for being generous and feeding false stories to foreign news agencies, the regime said.

The junta, in its official mouthpiece, *New Light of Myanmar*, on Monday said, "Internal and external anti-government elements, self-centered persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video."

"Cyclone victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of self-centered persons and unscrupulous elements," the paper warned.

The warning comes days after the ruling junta raided the residence of a prominent Burmese comedian and relief worker Thura, also known as Zarganar, and arrested him on Wednesday night. The police team, which arrested Zarganar, also confiscated two cash account books, about 1000 USD, which he had collected to help cyclone victims, and also several video CDs including those on the plight of Cyclone Nargis victims.....

- Meanwhile, sources in Rangoon said at least two dealers of satellite television receivers were arrested during the weekend. Several satellite receivers, which they were selling, were seized.....

Satellite dish shops raided and confiscated

Monday, 09 June 2008: By Huai Pi, Mizzima News

New Delhi – Shops selling satellite dish antennas are being raided and searched by local authorities in Rangoon. The shop owners are being made to sign a pledge not to sell satellite equipments to unlicensed customers. Satellite dish equipments were confiscated from some shops.

Local officials raided and searched Toshiba Kyaw Win's satellite dish shop located on Anawratha Street, Latha Township, Rangoon Division three days ago. They seized satellite dish equipments from the shop and the owner had to sign a pledge not to sell dishes to unlicensed customers.

"They are searching the shops now but our shop has stopped selling the dishes," owner of 'Soe San Electronic Centre' in Bahan Township said.

Meanwhile satellite dish dealers Ko Chit Win Kyaing from 'Grand Electronic' and another dealer from 'Green Leaf' were arrested recently without any reason being given, the sources close to satellite dish dealers told Mizzima.....

The government raised the annual license fees for satellite dishes after the saffron revolution in September last year. The local residents speculated that the government's move of raising license fees was to curb information outflow on the brutal crackdown on protesters at that time.

Similarly the government is trying to restrict sending and receiving photographs, video clips and other information. The idea is to impose a news blackout and stopping international news services from being viewed.....

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- www.mizzimaburmese.com
- www.mizzimaphoto.com
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A Burmese navy ship



A Burmese navy ship in Hai Gyi Island damaged by cyclone Nargis. Photo taken by Mizzima after the cyclone hit the island in May.

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MIZZIMA.TV

- Mizzima is equipped with not much resources and equipments for its TV Unit
- Mizzima TV is the weakest Unit within Mizzima News Agency
- Mizzima News was established in August 1998 and Mizzima TV Unit began in August 2005 by producing Mizzima video news online on the main Mizzima website www.mizzima.com and in July 2006, it launched a separate website www.mizzima.tv for pod-casting. Free Voice has supported in 2006 and this year will support again for equipments and skills.
- It has 3 persons working in Delhi Office and two persons working in Thai offices for TV Unit
- We do not have a recording studio room
- We have one good camera and some old not good cameras without proper editing set-ups
- Most of us are not properly trained for broadcasting journalism

Major Work of Mizzima.tv

- Online Pod-casting of Burma footages and stories on www.mizzima.tv including a Weekly News presentation
- Providing video footage and stories to Democratic Voice of Burma Television and international news agencies
- It has recently extended a photo specific website www.mizzimaphoto.com

How We Function?

- Mizzima Units inside Burma get the video footage and photos and send them to Mizzima offices in India and Thailand Offices through the following means
 - Through email
 - Through FTP
 - Through CDs – human carrier across the border
 - Through flights – who daily go in between Burma and outside
 - Through our own means of communications such as satellite phones and satellite internet
 - Through some friendly international agencies in Burma
- Mizzima TV Units reporters get the news and footages on Burma in Burma's neighboring countries such as India, Thailand and China as well as on the border areas of Burma with focus on Burma

Main Activities

- Mizzima TV Unit then use them in the following ways:
 - Edit and do the short stories on podcast them on www.mizzima.tv
 - Edit and publish the photos on www.mizzimaphoto.com
 - Podcast them as raw footages on www.mizzima.tv
 - Provide the DVB television
 - Link with YouTube and put them Mizzima video on YouTube
 - Provide/sell to the international media organizations, mainly through the news agents (especially during the last year September protests and this year May cyclone in Burma, generating some self-income.
 - Mizzima have Units inside Burma with one to three in each unit working directly for Mizzima for news, video footage and photos

Challenges and Risks

- Safety and stability of Units inside.
- Skills for quality reporting and proper equipments
- Stability and efficiency of website www.mizzima.tv
- Proficiency in marketing of Mizzima footage and photos