



BUILDINGS

This is in the Bogale area of Burmese Delta regions showing buildings damaged and destroyed by Cyclone Nargis. Makeshift storage place for a few bags of rice was secured inside a monastery.

Buildings on the Ground



Flooded, a hut still standing intact, isolated



Destroyed houses in a village



Buildings in a village along a creek



Buildings in a village in coconut groves or a plantation



Destroyed buildings in a town



The broken sign says "Welcome to the Town of PYAPON".



Total destruction



Lucky ones

Source:
various Web sites --
selected photos taken
in the cyclone disaster zone

**Vital Transportation
for Villages
in the Delta Region
of Burma**



Using these little boats, they go across rivers



A 'canoe-like boat' every family in village has to have one like we have to have a car



A 'boat' for them is like a truck for us, carrying loads



Delivering relief supplies to stranded families



A 'boat' is used for a domestic travel, fishing, getting to the paddy fields where they are working



Medium size boats are use for ferries



Very few double deckers with diesel engine. This one appears to be out of commission.



Taking the ferry-boats going across the river

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Pagodas and Monasteries as Assembly Points



Monastery building still standing (intact). Pagodas and large Buddha Statues could be found nearby the building.



This Buddha statue used to be inside a building, or under a roof shelter.



Pagodas are built in towns and village. They are plated in white or yellow (go



Sometimes, there are small pagodas and many buildings built within the monastery. Note the coconut trees, a natural and commercial crop grown on the salty soils of Burmese Delta area.



Pagodas are landmarks. Monastery buildings offer shelter for the victims.

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This one building in the monastery is still intact.



One of the building in a monastery



lost the decoration structure of the roof. Monasteries provide shelters and assembly grounds.

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Transportation Roads

Roads in the delta area are built a couple of feet above the fields. When the village along the roads were destroyed, at least the roads gave them a safe ground above the flood. Occasionally, buses passed by in a daily basis. When the bridges have broken down, there's no transportation available for the villagers.



Those who survived waited for help on the road. These pictures were taken days after the cyclone.



A few aerial views of suburb areas of a town

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