



PRIME MINISTER

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MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO BURMA

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, said today that the Government has expressed its sympathy to the people of Burma for the loss of life and damage caused by the recent cyclone in the Irrawaddy Division of Burma. He said that in the light of Australia's recent Darwin experiences the Government appreciated the difficulties and challenges the Burmese Government faced in the task of reconstruction.

The Australian Government has decided to make an allocation of \$A10,000 to the Burmese Government for relief purposes. Mr Whitlam said that he hoped that this would go some way to assist Burma with the purchase of essential items for cyclone relief.

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