

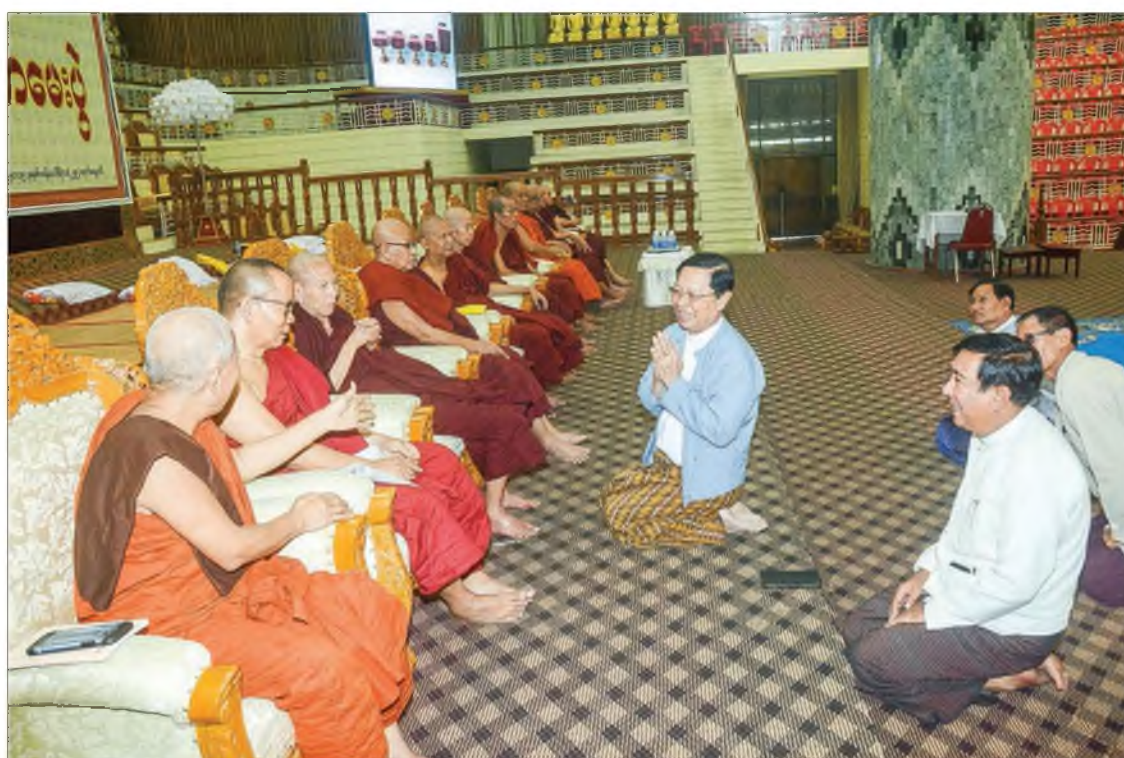
Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko visits Tipitakadhara examination

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and officials paid homage to patron Sayadaws, examiner Sayadaws and Sanghas sitting for the 71st Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida selection examination held at Maha Pathana Cave, Kaba Aye Hill, Mayangon Township, Yangon, yesterday afternoon.

Ninety-five Sanghas were sitting for the day's examination on principals and ideas. To receive the Tipitaka Kovida degree, there will be five stages of oral recitations and five stages of written examinations

on principals and ideas. The Tipitakadhara degree will be awarded if the 20-volume Tipitaka Pali is successfully recited and the Tipitaka Kovida degree will be earned if the written examination on definitions, principals and ideas prescribed in more than 100 volumes of texts is passed.

Ever since the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida selection examinations were started on Myanmar Era 1310, until the 70th examination, there have been 14 Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida religious heroes.—MNA
■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko pays homage to Sayadaws at the 71st Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida selection examination at Maha Pathana Cave, Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Gold plate, gold paint donated to Uppatasanti Pagoda



The ceremony to donate gold plate and gold paint for the Uppatasanti Pagoda on Uppatasanti Hill, Nay Pyi Taw, being held yesterday at the congregation hall of the pagoda. PHOTO: MNA

A ceremony to donate gold plate and gold paint for the Uppatasanti Pagoda on Uppatasanti Hill, Nay Pyi Taw, was held yesterday at the congregation hall of the pagoda.

The ceremony was attended by sanghas, led by Nay Pyi Taw Lewe town Pauk Myaing monastery principal patron Abhidhaja Maharahtaguru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zanenda, and also

included Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min, Nay Pyi Taw Council members,

permanent secretaries, heads of departments, officials and donors.

The ceremony began with the chanting of 'namaw satta' by the audience, who then took the five precepts from Nay Pyi Taw Lewe town Pauk Myaing monastery principal patron Abhidhaja Maharahtaguru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zanenda, followed by the Union Attorney General, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and officials, who donated offerings to the sanghas.

Next, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung explained to the sanghas about religious matters related to donating gold plates and paint.

Afterwards, 74 people contributed donations for the pagoda to the Union Attorney General, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Deputy Minister and officials,

and were presented with certificates of honor.

The audience then listened to a sermon by Nay Pyi Taw Lewe town Pauk Myaing monastery principal patron Abhidhaja Maharahtaguru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zanenda, shared merit for the donations and concluded the ceremony.

At the day's ceremony, 74 donors donated 152 gold plates, weighing nearly 9 Viss, and Ks 139,025,450 for gold paint.

Those wanting to donate gold plates and gold paint can contact Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aung Myin Tun at telephone 067-550213, Nay Pyi Taw head of religious affairs office director at telephone 09-2132191 or 067-550321 and Uppatasanti Pagoda Trustee member U Tun Kyi at telephone 09-5135698 or 067-25943.—MNA
■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Six Muslims transferred by Indian Govt to be reunited with their families

ON 3 January, six Muslims, including Mahmut Salem, were transferred by the India government to Myanmar government at the Tamu-Moreh border gate, and they are now being reunited with their families, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In order to transfer the six Muslims, assessments were conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population on whether they were originally

from Myanmar and had earlier resided here, and then the information was relayed to the Myanmar Embassy in Bangladesh. The Myanmar Embassy issued a Certificate of Identity for the six, who were then transferred at the border on 3 January. The six were received by Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population Tamu District Deputy Director U Myo Aung at the Tamu-Moreh border gate. They were then sent

to Sittway via Magway and An. While the six Muslims were undergoing the issuing of NV Cards and put on record in a e-ID, they were temporarily placed under the care of the Thakkepyin Village administrator in Sittway Township. After these processes are completed, they will be transferred to their families in Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships.—MNA
■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Vaccine Independence Initiative-VII MoU to be signed on 28 January

A ceremony to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Vaccine Independence Initiative (VII) by Ministry of Health and Sports, and the United Nations International Children's

Emergency Fund (UNICEF) will be held on 28 January at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — Mg Mg Myo
■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

WW II-era bomb found in Pyigyidagun

A bomb from the World War II period was unearthed in Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay on 24 January.

Local police handed over the

bomb, measuring eight inches, to the local battlefield engineering battalion on Thursday evening around 1 p.m.—(Sai Yaung Khan)
■ (Translated by La Woon)