



Buddhist devotees celebrating the Buddha Day at the KabaAye Pagoda in Yangon. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**



Buddhist devotees water the Bo Tree at the Shwedagon Pagoda. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**



Buddhists gather at a Bo Tree at the Shwedagon Pagoda celebrating the Buddha Day. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

Myanmar celebrates Buddha Day

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The Kason water pouring ceremony is the one among the 12 festivals held in their respective months.

The Kason Festival was held at the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw, with sacred water poured on the Bodhi trees there by Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, former Union Minister for Religious

Affairs Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials. Famous pagodas in Yangon were thronging with Buddhist devotees yesterday, the Full Moon Day of Kason.

The 34th anniversary Kason Festival was held at the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday with pouring water on Bo Trees. Before the event, Ovadacariya Sayadawgyis

and invited members of Sangha being offered meals, members of the pagoda board of trustees holding water pots accompanied with religious associations, circumambulating the pagoda clockwise and the Bodhi Tree being doused in water.

Similarly, the 31st anniversary Kason festival was held with the members of pagoda board of trustees pouring water onto

the Maha Bodhi tree, reciting the religious verses starting with Uddisiyajinam Buddhain, jayohi Buddhassa gatha and the gatha commencing with the Jaya-to Bodhiya mule. Similar traditional ceremonies were held at Kyaikkasan pagoda, Kaba Aye Pagoda, Botahtaung Kyaik de-ut pagoda, Swedaw pagoda, Sule pagoda, Shwephonepwint pagoda, Moegaung pagoda, Ngahtatgyi,

Chaukhtatgyi and Kohtatgyi pagodas, Melamu pagoda, Okkalapa pagoda, Kyakkalo and Kyaikalei pagodas, Thanhlyin Kyaikkhauk pagoda and Kyauktan Kyaikhmawwun Yailai pagoda.

Similarly Kason Water Throwing ceremonies were held in Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Council areas with Buddhist devotees performing meritorious deeds.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Tatmadaw families pour sacred water to Bo Tree

AT the festival of pouring sacred water to Bodhi Banyan Tree which falls on the full moon day of Kason, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and families from the Office of Chief of Staff (Army, Navy, Air) poured sacred water to Bo Banyan Trees in Lawka Chantha Pagoda, in front of the Zeyar Thiri Supermarket in Zeyar Thiri township.

Similarly, in the Military Command Headquarters as well, festivals for pouring sacred water to Bo trees—in Nay Pyi Taw Region Command, Northern Command, North-East Com-



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife pour water on the Bo Tree at the Lawka Chantha Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

mand, Eastern Command, Central Command, Triangle Region Command, South-East Command, Coastal Region Command, Yangon Command,

South-West Command, Western Command, North-West Command, East Central Command and Southern Command, it has been learnt.—MNA ■



Women water the Bo Tree in Maungdaw. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THANT**

Buddha Day celebrated in Maungdaw, Rakhine State

BUDDHIST devotees in Maungdaw, Rakhine State, celebrated the Kason Watering Festival marking the Buddha Day by watering Bo trees in the town.

The auspicious day which falls on the Full Moon Day of Kason.

At the festival held at the

Shwebaho Monastery in Maungdaw, devotees from wards and villages pour water on the Bo Tree, also known as Bodhi Tree, in the compound of the monastery. Local Buddhist devotees, clad in traditional dresses, participated in the festival while reciting religious verses.—Maung Sein Lwin ■