

Union Gov't provides midday meals to Sangha members



President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin present offertory to Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presents offertory to Sayadaw Bhanddanta Sandima Bhivamsa of Minkyaung Monastery in Thainlyin. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Union ministers, Union Attorney-General, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Chairman of the Anti-corruption Commission, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, senior military officers, deputy ministers and their wives, departmental officials and invited guests.

The congregation led by President U Htin Kyaw, First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin, and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Dr. Kumara Bhivamsa.

Afterwards, President U Htin Kyaw and First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin presented offertories to Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi similarly presented offertories to Sayadaw of Thanlyin Minkyaung Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sandima Bhivamsa.

Vice President U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker's wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented offertories to Sayadaws.

The ceremony ended with sharing merits gained. A day meal was then offered to Saydaws and nuns.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Myint Swe and wife present offertory to a Sayadaw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Chief-Justice U Htun Htun Oo presents offertory to a Sayadaw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker's wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi presents offertory to a Sayadaw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife present offertory to a Sayadaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

MOI holds discussions with Danish, Kuwait journalists



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun (Left) and Claus Blok Thomsen, Asian correspondent for Danish newspaper Politiken (Right). **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun met with Claus Blok Thomsen, Asia correspondent for Danish newspaper Politiken, and Javaid Ahmad from Kuwait Times, separately, at the office of the Ministry of Information yesterday.

At the meeting with Thomsen, the Deputy Minister discussed the terror-

ist attacks that occurred in Rakhine State and the programmes undertaken to address the issue, the implementation of Rakhine's development plans with guidance from the Rakhine Advisory Board, the misleading news provided by the international media agencies on the Rakhine State situation and the pressure from the

United Nations, as well as other international agencies. During the meeting with Ahmad, the Deputy Minister discussed the repatriation process for returnees from Bangladesh, the false accusations made by the western media and the condition of free press and censorship in Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency ■