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YANGON, Aug 19 (Reuters) - Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi met President Thein Sein on Friday, a government source said, the first meeting between the two and the latest olive branch from the army-backed regime that came to power this year after five decades of direct military rule.

Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who spent 15 years in detention under the former military rulers for campaigning for democracy, flew to the capital, Naypyitaw, to meet Thein Sein, formerly a top general in the military regime.

They met at the presidential palace, a senior official from the Ministry of Information said, declining to be named. The official had no details on what was discussed but said it was only a short meeting.

It was the first visit by Suu Kyi to Naypyitaw, a city built five years ago on a mountain plateau about 205 miles (330 km) north of Myanmar's old capital and biggest city, Yangon.

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