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Subject: [AZTA] Disturbing News out of Rinzai-ji

Hello all,

I'm hearing some very disturbing reports out of Bodhi Manda/Rinzai-ji. Word has it that Eshin Osho, who was acting as the Abbot of Rinzai-ji, resigned that post a couple of weeks ago, and that Joshu Sasaki has pronounced himself Abbot there again. Seiju Osho, who was acting as Shika at Rinzai-ji has also resigned his post there. Apparently Sasaki has also had some conflict with Hosen Osho, who has been Abbot at Bodhi Manda for more than 30 years resulting in her being defrocked and cast out by Sasaki Roshi.

As Eshin, Seiju, and Hosen Oshos are all listed as members of the AZTA, I wonder if anyone might be able to connect with them, and at the very least offer some support. It doesn't sound like things are going well at Rinzai-ji.

Be well, Eshu