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Further information on UA 159/03 (ASA 16/009/2003, 02 June 2003), and follow-up (ASA 16/010/200, 6 June 2003) - Fear for safety/Possible "disappearance"

**MYANMAR**                    Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (f), aged 58, General Secretary of the National League for Democracy (NLD)  
U Tin Oo (m) [*note corrected spelling*], aged 75, deputy Chairman of the NLD  
More than 100 NLD members and supporters, including 19 Members of Parliament, monks, doctors, lawyers, photographers and students

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Amnesty International remains seriously concerned for the safety of at least 90 people who have been missing since the violent attack on supporters of the National League for Democracy (NLD) on 30 May. There are further concerns for the safety of scores of others who are believed to be held incommunicado.

No information has been officially provided by Myanmar authorities on the whereabouts of anyone, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, detained or missing after the attack. Scores of people are thought to be held in detention without access to relatives, lawyers or adequate medical care.

Myanmar authorities stated in mid-June that 46 people were released from detention after questioning. According to unofficial sources, U Soe Win, an NLD Member of Parliament, was released from detention on 29 June. He was reportedly in a poor state of health, and showed signs of having been beaten while in detention.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has stated publicly that it has been able to visit at least 30 people detained after the attack, including U Tin Oo. The organization has also publicly stated that it has not yet been given access to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is in "protective custody" under legislation which allows detention without charge, trial or judicial appeal for up to a year, and which is renewable for up to five years. Members of the NLD's Central Executive Committee who were placed under house arrest after the incident are also believed to still be detained.

There have also been unconfirmed reports that eight NLD Youth members, including Ko Ne Win, who were detained in mid-June 2003, are being tried in Yangon.

A list of named individuals reported dead, missing or detained after the incident on 30 May can be accessed on Amnesty International's website: [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org).

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- expressing continued concern for the safety of over 100 NLD members and others, including Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo, whose whereabouts are unknown following the attack on NLD members on 30 May;
- urging the authorities to provide information on the names, whereabouts and legal basis for detention of all those reportedly detained or missing;
- urging authorities to immediately and unconditionally release those detained on account of their peaceful exercise of the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly; and calling for an end to the arrests of others on this basis;
- calling for guarantees that no detainees will be tortured or ill-treated, and that detainees are granted immediate access to lawyers, doctors, and relatives;

- expressing concern at the reported killings of NLD members and others on 30 and 31 May, and urging authorities to permit a thorough and independent investigation into these incidents, to make the results public and to bring those responsible to justice, in accordance with international standards.

**You may also wish to sign Amnesty International's petition on this subject on <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/mmr-040603-petition-eng>**

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**COPIES TO:** Diplomatic representatives of Myanmar accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 August 2003.