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Further information on UA 298/02 (ASA 16/014/2002, 2 October 2002) - fear for safety/fear of torture

MYANMAR Aye Kyaw Zwa (m)  
Ko Hla Htut Soe (m)  
Ko Htay (m), lawyer  
Ko Nay Win (m)  
Ko Yin Maung (m), brother of Ko Nay Win  
Maung Maung Aye, aka Ko Baydar (m)  
San Shwe Maung (m), monk  
U Aung or Maung Htay (m), lawyer  
U Khin Maung Lay (m)  
U Win Swe (m) civil engineer  
U Zaw Win (m)  
and at least 13 others

RELEASED: Chit Hsaung Oo (m)

Dr. Khin Tun (m), doctor, former member of the New Generation Youth league  
Lay Ko Tin, aka Tin Maung Win, author  
U Cho (m)

U Kyi Myint (m), teacher, former general secretary of Burma United Democratic Party (BUDP)  
U Soe Tint (m)  
U Zaw Pe Win (m) teacher, former chair of the BUDP

Eight of the people named above, detained by Military Intelligence in Myanmar since 25 September, have reportedly been released from detention. It is not known why they were chosen to be released.

Those released were among a group of 30 people arrested from their homes at night between 25 September and 2 October. All but four of the 30 people were former political prisoners. Their arrests were allegedly linked to the possession of publications by opposition groups.

It is not known whether any remaining detainees have been charged. They are still at risk of torture and ill-treatment by Military Intelligence.

There are approximately 1,300 political prisoners in Myanmar, most of whom have been arrested for their peaceful political activities. Torture is commonplace during interrogation and pre-trial detention.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English or in your own language:**

- welcoming reports of the release of eight of those arrested since 25 September;
- expressing concern for the safety of at least 22 others who were arrested between 25 September and 2 October;
- calling on authorities to make public their whereabouts and to ensure that they are not tortured or ill-treated in detention;
- calling on authorities to give details of any charges faced by members of the group, and calling for their immediate and unconditional release unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging the authorities to give them immediate access to their families, lawyers, and any medical attention they may require.

**APPEALS TO:**

Senior General Than Shwe  
State Peace and Development Council  
Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda road  
Dagon Post Office  
Yangon, Union of Myanmar  
**Telegrams: General Than Shwe, Yangon, Myanmar**  
**Telexes: 21316**  
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**Salutation: Dear General**

General Khin Nyunt, Secretary 1  
State Peace and Development Council  
c/o Director of Defence Services Intelligence  
Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda road  
Yangon, Union of Myanmar  
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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 20 November 2002.