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***FURTHER INFORMATION ON MEDICAL LETTER WRITING ACTION***

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**Dr Htay Hlaing  
MYANMAR**

Amnesty International has just learned that Dr Htay Hlaing was released by the Myanmar authorities on 29 October 1998.

Dr Htay Hlaing, a 51-year-old member of Myanmar's opposition National League for Democracy [NLD], had been arrested together with other NLD activists on 6 September 1998. Amnesty International had received reports that Dr Htay Hlaing was suffering from nephrotic [Epstein's] syndrome and was not receiving adequate medical care in detention. These reports raised serious concerns for his well-being particularly following information that an NLD activist detained together with Dr Htay Hlaing, U Aung Min, died in Military Intelligence custody on 21 October.

**No further action is required from the health professional network.**

**Thank you for your letters and please keep appealing on behalf of Dr U Saw Mra Aung  
[see AI Index: ASA 16/29/98, 30 October 1998].**