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Further information on UA 261/95 (ASA 16/29/95, 23 November 1995) - Fear of torture / Legal concern

MYANMARMaung Aye) representatives of the
Toe Aung) National League for Democracy
Myo Zaw) (NLD) Youth

Amnesty International has learned that the three young men named above were each sentenced to two years' imprisonment on 22 November 1995. Additional sources have indicated that allegations that they assaulted police officers are unfounded. Their current whereabouts are still unknown, and Amnesty International remains concerned for their well-being.

FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

National League for Democracy (NLD) delegates attended the opening session of the National Convention on 28 November. However, the NLD later decided to boycott the Convention because their request for changes to make the process more democratic had not been taken into consideration. The authorities have said that the Convention will proceed regardless and that the NLD may be expelled.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- seeking assurances that the treatment of Maung Aye, Toe Aung and Myo Zaw conforms to international standards and that they are being given proper access to family, lawyers of their own choice and medical personnel;
- seeking information about the whereabouts of the three young men and the exact charges against them;
- expressing concern that they may have been arrested solely for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association, and if so should be immediately and unconditionally released.

APPEALS TO:

1. Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman
State Law and Order Restoration Council
c/o Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda Road
Yangon, Union of Myanmar
Telegrams: General Than Shwe, Yangon, Myanmar
Telexes: 21316
Salutation: Dear General

2. Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, Secretary 1
State Law and Order Restoration Council
c/o Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda Road
Yangon, Union of Myanmar
Telegrams: Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, Yangon, Myanmar
Faxes: + 95 1 229 50
Salutation: Dear General

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 13 January 1996.