

URGENT ACTION

MEDIA WORKERS RELEASED

Five media workers have been released under a presidential amnesty in Myanmar. They had been serving two-year prison sentences for their peaceful journalistic activities.

Media workers **Kyaw Zaw Hein, Ko Win Tin, Thura Aung, Yin Min Htun** and **Kyaw Min Khaing** from the *Bi Midday Sun* newspaper were released on 30 July 2015 from Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city. They were among at least 11 prisoners of conscience released as part of a presidential prisoner amnesty.

The five men had each been sentenced to two years in prison on 16 October 2014, after the *Bi Midday Sun* published false claims on 7 July 2014 that opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and ethnic leaders had been elected to an interim government. They were charged under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code, a vaguely worded law which is often used to criminalize peaceful human rights activists and government critics.

Amnesty International welcomes the release of Kyaw Zaw Hein, Ko Win Tin, Thura Aung, Yin Min Htun and Kyaw Min Khaing, but they should never have been imprisoned in the first place.

Amnesty International is continuing to campaign for the release of all prisoners of conscience in Myanmar.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the second update of UA 231/14. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/ASA16/016/2014/en/>

Names: Kyaw Zaw Hein, Ko Win Tin, Thura Aung, Yin Min Htun, Kyaw Min Khai
Gender m/f: m

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