

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVIST RELEASED IN MYANMAR

Peaceful protester and Movement for Democratic Current Forces (MDCF) activist Thein Aung Myint has been released from prison in Myanmar after receiving reductions to his sentence.

On 10 December, **Thein Aung Myint** was released from Oh-Bo prison in Mandalay, Myanmar's second largest city. He had been serving a year-long sentence for taking part in two peaceful protests in Mandalay. His early release followed reductions to his sentences. He had been sentenced on 23 March 2015 to six months' imprisonment under Article 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law for protesting without permission against planned electricity price rises in March 2014. He had also been sentenced on 23 April 2015 to six months in prison under the same law for organizing a peaceful protest calling for an investigation into the death in military custody of journalist Aung Kyaw Naing (aka Par Gyi) in October 2014.

Thein Aung Myint 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.

This is the third update of UA 75/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa16/2458/2015/en/>

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