

URGENT ACTION

FOUR MYANMAR LABOUR ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Four labour activists have been released from prison in Myanmar following a Presidential pardon on 17 April.

Union leaders and factory workers **Myo Min Min** and **Naing Htay Lwin**, and labour activists **Naing Zaw Kyi Win** and **Thu Zaw Kyi Win** were released from Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, on 17 April. They were released as part of a Presidential pardon which saw the release of 83 prisoners, including prisoners of conscience Amnesty International has campaigned for.

The four had been arrested in February and March 2015 for their role in supporting striking workers from factories in Yangon's Shwe Pyi Thar Industrial Zone. Myo Min Min and Naing Htay Lwin were arrested on 20 February 2015, shortly after giving a press conference explaining the workers' demands and were each sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment for their peaceful activities. Brothers Naing Zaw Kyi Win and Thu Zaw Kyi Win were arrested on 24 February and 4 March respectively, and charged with "incitement" under Myanmar's Penal Code. They were each sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

While Amnesty International welcomes the release of the four labour activists, the fact remains that they should never have been arrested and imprisoned in the first place.

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

This is the first update of UA 211/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa16/2547/2015/en/>

Name: Myo Min Min, Naing Htay Lwin, Naing Zaw Kyi Win and Thu Zaw Kyi Win

Gender m/f: all m

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