

URGENT ACTION

PEACE ACTIVIST RELEASED AFTER SERVING SENTENCE

Kachin peace activist Patrick Kum Jaa Lee has been released on 1 April after serving his 6 months sentence. He was imprisoned for a Facebook post mocking the Myanmar army.

Patrick Kum Jaa Lee was released from Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar largest city, on 1 April. He has served six months in prison for a Facebook post mocking Myanmar Army Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. He was arrested in his home in Yangon on 14 October 2015 and sentenced on 22 January 2016 under Article 66(d) of Myanmar's 2013 Telecommunications Act, which provides for up to three years' imprisonment for "extorting, coercing, restraining wrongfully, defaming, disturbing, causing undue influence or threatening any person by using any Telecommunications Network".

Patrick Kum Jaa Lee should have never 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 227/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa16/3331/2016/en/>

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