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Further information on UA 65/95 (ASA 16/04/95, 15 March 1995) - Ill-treatment / Fear of Torture

MYANMAR: 50 students, including Moe Myat Thu, Mo Maung Maung, Maung Maung Win, Maung Maung Oo, Cho Nwe Oo (f), Yi Yi Tun (f), Aye Aye Moe (f), Moe Kalayar Oo (f), Ni Ni (f)

New names: Tin Than Oo
 Aw Wai
 Maung Nyunt
 Aung Zeya

Amnesty International has learned the names of four more young activists who were among some 50 arrested on 20 February 1995. Tin Than Oo was arrested previously in July 1989 during a nationwide crackdown by the military authorities of the peaceful pro-democracy movement. He was released in April 1994. Aung Zeya was also arrested in July 1989 and was badly beaten while imprisoned at Insein Jail; as a result, he suffered from poor health. Released in May 1992, Aung Zeya was the leader of the Democratic Party for a New Society (DPNS), a political party consisting mostly of students and young people and subsequently deregistered by the military authorities. It is not clear whether Aw Wai and Maung Nyunt have been previously detained.

Amnesty International fears for the safety of these four young activists, particularly Aung Zeya, and renews its calls to the military authorities to ensure that none of the 50 activists are tortured or ill-treated.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue to send appeals as recommended in the original action of 15 March and in addition please send telegrams, telexes and airmail letters:

- expressing concern at the arrest of Aung Zeya, Tin Than Oo, Aw Wai and Maung Nyunt;
- seeking assurances that their treatment conforms to international standards, and that they be given access to their families, lawyers and medical personnel;
- urging that they be promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence, or released.

APPEALS TO:

1) Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council,
General Than Shwe
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
Salutation: Dear General

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS 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 15 May 1995.