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U MYINT AYE



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U Myint Aye, co-founder of the Human Rights Defenders and Protectors network, was arrested without a warrant on 8 August 2008 while distributing aid to survivors of Cyclone Nargis.

He was held incommunicado for more than five weeks. During his interrogation, he was forced to watch as prison staff tortured his colleagues to make him confess to involvement in a bombing.

Before his trial, Myanmar's Chief of Police accused U Myint Aye of funding a bomb attack on a pro-government group. This accusation denied him the right to be presumed innocent before his trial.

U Myint Aye's trial began on 26 September 2008. His lawyer was neither permitted to meet privately with him nor to call defence witnesses, and was charged with contempt of court. Lawyers who then tried to represent him were harassed. Some were briefly imprisoned.

After a trial that fell far short of international fair trial standards, prisoner of conscience U Myint Aye was found guilty of funding a bomb attack and sentenced to life imprisonment plus eight years.

Image: U Myint Aye is currently held in Loikaw prison, Kayah state, some 480km from his family in Yangon, Myanmar.
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TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and send this postcard before 31 December 2012, urging the Ambassador to Myanmar in your country to call for U Myint Aye's immediate release.



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Your Excellency

I am dismayed that U Myint Aye, co-founder of the Human Rights Defender Protection network, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2008.

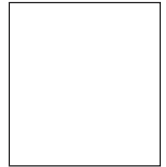
His trial fell well short of international fair trial standards – his lawyer was neither allowed to meet privately with him nor call defence witnesses.

Between 1998 and 2007, U Myint Aye was arrested approximately seven times for his peaceful activities and human rights work. Amnesty International believes he is a prisoner of conscience. I urge you to raise his case with the Minister of Home Affairs, and call for his immediate and unconditional release.

Yours sincerely

Name: _____

Home town: _____



His Excellency

**Ambassador for the Republic of the
Union of Myanmar**

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