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Further information on UA 258/02 (ASA 16/011/2002, 22 August 2002) - Fear for safety/fear of torture/possible prisoners of conscience

MYANMARThet Naung Soe (m)] university
Khin Maung Win (m)] students

Released: Thaw Thaw Myo Han (m)]
Nyunt Win (m)]
Htoo Kyaw Win (m)] university
Thoung Htite (m)] students
Kyaw Swa (m)]
Kyaw Zin Oo (m)]

Six of the student activists named above were released from detention in Yangon on 23 August. However, Thet Naung Soe and Khin Maung Win are still detained, and their whereabouts are unknown. They remain at risk of torture by Military Intelligence.

The eight students were arrested on 17 and 18 August, possibly in connection with a peaceful political protest staged in Yangon on 18 August by Thet Naung Soe. Khin Maung Win and Thet Naung Soe are possible prisoners of conscience.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of six of the students arrested in Yangon on 17 and 18 August;
- expressing concern for the safety of Thet Naung Soe and Khin Maung Win, arrested in Yangon on 18 August;
- calling for the authorities to make public their whereabouts, and urging the State Peace and Development Council to ensure that they are not tortured or ill-treated in detention;
- calling on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release the two students unless they are to be charged with a recognizable criminal offence, and urging that they are given immediate access to their families, lawyers and any medical attention they may require.

APPEALS TO:

Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, Secretary 1
State Peace and Development Council
c/o Director of Defense Services Intelligence (DDSI)
Ministry of Defense, Signal Pagoda Road
Dagon Post Office
Yangon
Union of Myanmar
Telegrams: General Khin Nyunt, Yangon, Myanmar
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Salutation: Dear General

Colonel Hla Min
Office of Strategic Studies

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COPIES 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 8 October 2002.