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When a riot broke out between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims on 8 June 2012 in Maungdaw, western Myanmar, Dr Tun Aung agreed to help police defuse tensions. Relations between the two communities had deteriorated after 10 Muslims were killed on 3 June as revenge for the rape and murder of a Buddhist Rakhine woman on 28 May.

Eyewitnesses stated that Dr Tun Aung, a medical doctor and chairman of the local Islamic Religious Affairs Council, actively tried to calm the situation on 8 June. On 11 June, he was arrested for inciting communal violence. He was held incommunicado for at least three months and has been denied the right to appoint a lawyer of his own choice. Instead, he has been allocated a state lawyer whom he has not been allowed to meet privately – giving him no chance of a fair trial.

Dr Tun Aung is a prisoner of conscience who should never have been arrested as he did not incite or take part in the violence on 8 June.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Sign and send this postcard before 31 January 2013, urging the Minister of Foreign Affairs in your country to call on the Myanmar authorities to release Dr Tun Aung unconditionally.

Image: Dr Tun Aung before his arrest. © Private
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Dear Minister

I am dismayed that Dr Tun Aung was arrested on 11 June 2012 for inciting communal violence. According to independent eyewitnesses, he actively helped the authorities try to calm tensions on 8 June in Maungdaw, western Myanmar. He is a medical doctor and was chairman of the Islamic Religious Affairs Council in Maungdaw.

Since his arrest, he has mostly been held incommunicado. He was denied the right to choose his own lawyer, and was appointed a state lawyer whom he was barred from meeting privately, thus denying him the right to a fair trial. He is a prisoner of conscience and should be released immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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