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Further information on UA 293/94 (ASA 16/11/94, 10 August 1994) - and follow-ups (ASA 16/13/94, 19 August and ASA 16/15/94, 30 August) - Fear of torture

MYANMAR:Khin Maung Swe, 52, opposition politician Daw San San Nwe (f), writer U Sein Hla Oo, 58, journalist, editor and opposition politician Dr Htun Myat Aye, dentist Ma Myat Mo Mo Tun (f), daughter of Daw San San Nwe

Amnesty International has learned that Khin Maung Swe, Daw San San Nwe, U Sein Hla Oo and Ma Myat Mo Mo Tun were sentenced by a civil court in Insein Prison on 6 October 1994. All four were sentenced to seven years imprisonment each under Section 5(e) of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act (spreading false information). Daw San San Nwe was sentenced to an additional three years imprisonment under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Associations Act (membership or contact with illegal organizations).

Amnesty International has adopted them as prisoners of conscience and is calling for their immediate and unconditional release.

Dr Htun Myat Aye was reportedly released after spending only a few days in detention.

Thank you for your appeals on their behalf. No further action by the Urgent Action Network is required at this time.