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Myanmar: Aung San Suu Kyi must be freed immediately

Amnesty International is gravely concerned by yesterday's US State Department report that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD) is on a hunger strike in protest at her three month detention. The organization calls on the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC, the ruling military government) to release her immediately and unconditionally.

"Prisoner of conscience Daw Aung San Suu Kyi should never have been arrested in the first place. The SPDC must release her and provide her with adequate medical care and protection," Amnesty International said today.

While the organization cannot confirm these reports, it remains deeply concerned for her safety, as she is being held in *incommunicado* detention in an unknown location. On 29 July the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) visited her, and it is believed to be the last contact she had with the outside world.

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