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Further information on UA 440/90 (ASA 16/29/90, 1 November 1990) and follow-up ASA 16/34/90 (7 November 1990) - Fear of Torture/Legal Concern

MYANMAR (BURMA) : (New names) :

U Naing Naing
Hla Than
Tin Maung Win
Kyi Aye
Yan Aung
Myint Soe
Than Htaik
Ko Ko Gyi
Moe Saw U

Amnesty International has obtained the names of nine more National League for Democracy (NLD) leaders arrested between 23 and 31 October 1990. Of these nine, three are NLD members of parliament elected in May: U Naing Naing from Pazundaung township, Yangon (Rangoon), Hla Than and Tin Maung Win. They are believed to have been arrested at the NLD headquarters, Yangon. Another NLD leader, Kyi Aye, was reportedly arrested at the NLD Insein township office when security forces shut and sealed that office. Five NLD youth leaders, Yan Aung, Myint Soe, Than Htaik, Ko Ko Gyi and Moe Saw U, were arrested in the capital as well.

Amnesty International is concerned that all the prisoners named above may be held for the peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression and assembly and other fundamental freedoms. It is also concerned that they may be subjected to torture or other ill-treatment in detention.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern that U Naing Naing, Hla Than, Tin Maung Win, Kyi Aye, Yan Aung, Myint Soe, Than Htaik, Ko Ko Gyi, and Moe Saw U may be detained solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and assembly;

- urging that unless they are to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and fairly tried, they should be released immediately and unconditionally;

- urging that their treatment conform to international standards and that they be given access to their families and lawyers of their own choice.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Myanmar (Burma) to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 December 1990.