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Further information on UA 386/91 (ASA 39/18/91, 11 November 1991) -

"Disappearance"

THAILAND: Ye Soe Aung, aged 18

Amnesty International has learnt that the body of Ye Soe Aung has been discovered abandoned near the Thailand-Myanmar border. It has now been taken to Camp 102 of the All-Burma Students Democratic Front in Myanmar. According to reports, Ye Soe Aung's head was covered with blood and showed signs of serious injury. Four police officers who are alleged to have been seen involved in beating and kicking Ye Soe Aung on the night of his arrest are said to have been transferred out of Nat Ein Daung.

Ye Soe Aung, a Burmese national, had reportedly been arrested by Thai police on 4 November 1991 in Nat Ein Daung, the Burmese name for a village on the Thai side of the country's border with Myanmar (Burma). Ye Soe Aung was a member of the insurgent All-Burma Students' Democratic Federation (ABSDF).

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

- expressing concern that the body of Ye Soe Aung has reportedly now been discovered along the Thai-Myanmar border, and that it appears he died of severe head injuries inflicted while in the custody of the police who arrested him in Nat Ein Daung village of Kaanjanaburii province;

- urging an immediate and impartial investigation to determine how Ye Soe Aung died, and that any authorities who may be responsible be brought to justice according to Thai law.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 December 1991.