

URGENT ACTION

POLITICAL ACTIVIST RELEASED IN MYANMAR

Political activist Ko Wai Lu has been released from prison in Myanmar upon completion of his sentence.

On 12 November 2015, political activist **Ko Wai Lu** was released from Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city upon completion of his sentence. He was arrested on 18 December 2014 while offering support and encouragement to peaceful protesters from the Michaungkan community. The community had been staging a peaceful sit-in protest near Yangon's City Hall in response to the Myanmar authorities' failure to resolve their land dispute.

On 8 April 2015 he was sentenced to one-year in prison by the Kyauktada Township Court in Yangon under Section 505(b) of Myanmar's Penal Code for publishing or circulating information which may cause public fear or alarm and may incite persons to commit offences "against the State or against the public tranquillity".

Ko Wai Lu should never have been imprisoned in the first place.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

This is the third update of UA 5/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa16/1418/2015/en/>

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