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Further information on UA 01/96 (ASA 16/02/96, 4 January 1996) and follow-ups (ASA 16/05/96, 24 January; ASA 16/12/96, 2 April) - Ill-treatment / Health concern / Legal concern

**MYANMARDr Khin Zaw Win, prisoner of conscience  
Saw Naing Naing, member of parliament-elect  
Monywa Tin Shwe, lawyer**

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new names: Htay Aung, aged 44  
Mya Win, aged 47, member of parliament-elect

Amnesty International is deeply concerned to learn today that Dr Khin Zaw Win, Saw Naing Naing, Monywa Tin Shwe, Mya Win and Htay Aung are still being held in tiny military dog cells (cells where military dogs are normally kept) at Insein Prison in Yangon (Rangoon, the capital). They have apparently been held since November 1995 in such conditions, which constitute cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

It is not known whether the 21 prisoners named in the 2 April Urgent Action update (ASA 16/12/96) are now being allowed family visits and whether they have been moved to standard prison cells. After prisoners have been sentenced in Myanmar, they are normally allowed family visits. However, Amnesty International cannot confirm that their conditions of imprisonment have improved.

Amnesty International has no further information about Dr Myint Aung, Dr Myint Naing, and Moe Zaw Oo, who were all part of the original group held in military dog cells as a punishment for attempting to send a letter to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Myanmar about harsh prison conditions.

Mya Win is a National League for Democracy (NLD) MP-elect from Ingapu 1 constituency, Ayeyarwady Division who was arrested in September 1990 in a nationwide crackdown on peaceful political activity. He was subsequently sentenced to 25 years in prison and is one of 19 NLD MP's still imprisoned. Htay Aung is an NLD member arrested in August 1991 and later sentenced to seven years' imprisonment

**Please continue to send appeals as outlined in previous update, and in addition please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:**

- calling on the Myanmar authorities to immediately remove Dr Khin Zaw Win, Htay Aung, Saw Naing Naing, Mya Win, and Monywa Tin Shwe and any other prisoners from military dog cells and ensure that they are no longer subjected to any form of ill-treatment;
- urging that the five men be granted full and continued access to family visits and medical treatment;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Dr Khin Zaw Win as a prisoner of conscience;
- expressing grave concern that the five men are apparently being punished for attempting to pass on information to the United Nations, contrary to the UN Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/75.

**APPEALS TO:**

Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman  
State Law and Order Restoration Council  
c/o Directorate of Defense Services Intelligence (DDSI)  
Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda Road  
Dagon Post Office  
Yangon, Union of Myanmar  
**Telegrams: General Than Shwe, Yangon, Myanmar**  
**Telexes: 21316**  
**Salutation: Dear General**

Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, Secretary 1  
State Law and Order Restoration Council  
c/o Directorate of Defense Services Intelligence (DDSI)  
Ministry of Defence, Signal Pagoda Road  
Dagon Post Office  
Yangon, Union of Myanmar  
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**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Myanmar accredited to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 May 1996.