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Further information on UA 272/94 (ASA 16/08/94, 18 July 1994) - and follow-ups (ASA 16/12/94, 16 August and ASA 16/14/94, 26 August) - Fear of torture

MYANMAR: Khin Zaw Win, aged 44, dentist and graduate student

Amnesty International has learned that Khin Zaw Win was sentenced by a civil court at Insein Prison on 6 October 1994. He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment under Section 5(e) of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act ("causes or intends to spread false news, knowing beforehand that it is untrue"); three years imprisonment under Section 17/1 of the 1908 Unlawful Associations Act (membership or contact with an illegal organization); three years imprisonment for currency and customs offences; and two years imprisonment under Section 5 of the 1923 Official Secrets Act (possession or control of secret official information). He is therefore sentenced to a total of 15 years imprisonment.

Amnesty International has adopted Khin Zaw Win as a prisoner of conscience.

Thank you for your appeals on his behalf. No further action by the Urgent Action Network is required at this time.