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Further information on UA 183/99 (ASA 16/19/99, 27 July 1999) - Possible prisoners of conscience/fear of torture 29 July 1999

MYANMARTHaint Wunna Khin (f), aged 3  
Ma Khin Khin Leh, 33, her mother  
U Aye Swe, aged 55  
Daw Tin Tin, 50, his wife  
Kyaw Kyaw, 33, their son  
U Zaw Myint, aged 49  
Daw Tint Tint, his wife, 47  
Ko Zaw Zaw Latt, their son, 20  
U Ba Chit, 48  
U Ye Tint, teacher, 45  
U Win Myint, 45, shopkeeper  
Dr. Shwe Bo (f), 45, medical doctor  
Ma Thida Htway (f), 27, teacher  
Ko Lwin Moe Myint, 27, student activist  
Ko Myint, 30, market vendor  
Ko Ah Thay Lay, 21, student  
Ko Hla Win, 23, student  
Two unnamed female physicians in their mid 40s

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Three-year-old Thaint Wunna Khin has been released after five days' detention. Amnesty International welcomes her release, but remains concerned that the 18 people listed above, including Thaint Wunna Khin's mother Ma Khin Khin Leh, remain in detention and may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

Amnesty International has obtained new information on the circumstances of their arrest, and considers all 18 to be prisoners of conscience.

On 29 July, in response to a press release from Amnesty International the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), Myanmar's military government, issued a statement denying that the 19 people had been detained. However they did say that "some people were called in for questioning in Bago [Pegu]...".

The government also denied that pamphlets calling for a peaceful demonstration to commemorate the assassination of the independence hero General Aung San had been distributed in Pegu. Amnesty International has obtained the names of 32 places in Pegu town where such leaflets were distributed. The leaflets called for a peaceful demonstration and three-way dialogue between the SPDC, ethnic minority groups and the National League for Democracy, led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Amnesty International has also received reliable information about the content of the leaflets, which called for non-violent action only. Those involved in planning the demonstration are therefore prisoners of conscience, detained solely for attempting to express their right to freedom of expression.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of three-year-old Thaint Wunna Khin;
- urging the SPDC to immediately and unconditionally release the other 18 prisoners of conscience;
- urging the SPDC to ensure that those detained are not tortured or ill-treated, and that they all have immediate access to their families, lawyers, and proper medical care.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 September 1999.