

URGENT ACTION

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Prominent student unionist Nandar Sitt Aung was released from prison on 8 April after all charges against him were dropped by courts in Myanmar.

On 8 April, **Nandar Sitt Aung**, a senior member of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU), was released from prison after courts in Myanmar dropped all charges pending against him. His release came a day after the new government announced that it would work to release all prisoners of conscience as soon as possible.

Nandar Sitt Aung was arrested in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, on 27 March 2015 during a peaceful demonstration calling for the release of student protesters arrested during a police crackdown on 10 March 2015. He was charged with multiple criminal offences for the protest. He was also charged with similar offences for a peaceful protest he organized in Yangon on 10 March in response to the police crackdown against student protesters earlier that day. In February 2016, he received multiple additional charges for participating in unauthorized peaceful protests against the National Education Law at the end of 2014 and at the beginning of 2015.

Nandar Sitt Aung should have never been imprisoned in the first place. Amnesty International is continuing to campaign for the release of all prisoners of conscience in Myanmar.

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

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