

HTAY KYWE ACTIVIST LEADER IN MYANMAR

'On behalf of the Burmese citizens, we need the sympathy of the international people and the international community... I call on them to help stop the atrocities in Burma.'

Htay Kywe, speaking to Amnesty International shortly before his arrest in October 2007.

Prisoner of conscience Htay Kywe is on trial facing politically motivated charges for his role in the peaceful protest marches against military rule in Myanmar in August/September 2007.

Forced into hiding soon after the marches began, Htay Kywe continued his solidarity with other protesters and appealed for international support for their activities despite the risks to his safety. The government violently quashed the protests in late September 2007 and arrested Htay Kywe two weeks later.

Htay Kywe previously spent more than 13 years in prison for his part in the 1988 pro-democracy uprising and is a leading member of the "88 Generation Students" group. He suffers from high blood pressure and is in poor health.

ACT NOW

• Urge that Htay Kywe be immediately and unconditionally released and that in the meantime he be given all necessary medical treatment.

• Seek assurances that Htay Kywe is not being subjected to torture or ill-treatment.

WRITE TO:

Senior General Than Shwe c/o Ministry of Defence Naypyitaw Union of Myanmar Email a copy to the Ministry of Information: Media.moi@mptmail.net.mm Salutation: Dear Senior General

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