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Possible Extrajudicial Execution/Allegations
of Ill-Treatment/Legal Concern

MYANMAR:	Shin Ah Sein Na	Sin Wizaya
	U Tay Za Ni Ya	U Kawithara
	Shin Zawana	U Pyin Nya Wara
	Shin Kay Tha Wa	Shin Theik Kha
	U San Di Mar	U Zanaka
	U Thuriya	Shin Egga
	Shin Thuriya	U Kay Thaya
	Shin Thondara	U Nan Taw Batha
	Shin Sarana	U Kokkhana
	Shin Pyin Nya Tri	Shin Wiseiktha
	U Thiri Kinzana	Shin Yarzeinda
	U Kuthala	U Pyin Nya Wuntha

Amnesty International has received a list of the names of Buddhist monks allegedly shot, beaten or arrested by security forces in the central Myanmar town of Mandalay during a demonstration there on 8 August 1990. The originally non-violent demonstration protested earlier killings of demonstrators by security forces and continued military rule by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC). The organization remains concerned at allegations that some of those wounded or beaten may have died of injuries resulting from the failure of the security forces to ensure effective protection of the right to life of unarmed and peaceful demonstrators or their assaults against subdued demonstrators. (See UA 327/90, ASA 16/13/90, 9 August). It is also concerned that some of the monks arrested on 8 August 1990 may still be detained on account of their peaceful exercise of the rights of freedom of assembly and expression during the anti-military demonstration.

The list received by Amnesty International names eight monks allegedly wounded by gunfire, in some cases in the head or chest: 17-year-old **Shin Ah Sein Na** from Mingyi building at Mogyang Monastery; 26-year-old **U Tay Za Ni Ya** from Pitakat building at Taungtaman Monastery; **Shin Zawana** from Phayagyi (Mahmuni) Monastery; 18-year-old **Shin Kay Tha Wa** from Kyann Ginn building at Taungtaman Monastery; **U San Di Mar** from Phayagyi (Mahamuni); **U Thuriya** from Kyaung Htit building at Pagan Monastery; **Shin Thuriya** from Pagan Monastery; and **Shin Thondara** from South Htilin Monastery.

Thirteen monks are named as having allegedly been beaten or kicked, in some cases severely enough to cause serious injury: **Shin Sarana** from Phayagyi (Mahamuni) Monastery; **Shin Pyin Nya Thiri**; **U Thiri Kinzana** from Mya Taung Building at Padetha Monastery; **U Kuthala** from New Masoeyein Monastery; **Sin**

Wizaya from Nandi Thaynar Rama Monastery; **U Kawithara** from Phaygyi Monastery; **U Pyin Nya Wara** from Phayagyi Monastery; **Shin Theik Kha** from Phayagyi (Mahamuni) Monastery; **U Zanaka** from Tayoke Tan building at Gwaycho Monastery; **Shin Egga** from Yatana building, Nyaung Kan Monastery; **U Kay Thaya** from New Masoeyein Monastery; **U Nan Taw Batha** from New Masoeyein Monastery; and **U Kokkhana** from New Masoeyein Monastery.

Four monks are named as having allegedly been detained. They include one of those allegedly beaten, **U Kokkhana** of New Masoeyein Monastery; and three others: **Shin Wiseiktha** from Pali Nayu Padetha building at New

Mosoeyein Monastery; **Shin Yarzeinda** from the same building; and **U Pyin Nya Wuntha** from U Zatila bulding at West Htilin Monastery.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern that the Buddhist monks **Shin Ah Sein Na, U Tay Za Ni Ya, Shin Zawana, Shin Kay Tha Wa, U San Di Mar, U Thuriya, Shin Thuriya, Shin Thondara, Shin Sarana, Shin Pyin Nya Thiri, U Thiri Kinzana, U Kuthala, Sin Wizaya, U Kawithara, U Pyin Nya Wara, Shin Theik Kha, U Zanaka, Shin Egga, U Kay Thaya, U Nan Taw Batha,** and **U Kokkhana** were allegedly shot or beaten and kicked by security forces that suppressed their peaceful demonstration in Mandalay on 8 August 1990; and that some of them are feared to have died of the resulting injuries;

- urging that an investigation be ordered into these alleged shootings and ill-treatment of monks; and that the results of this investigation be made public;

- expressing concern that the monks **U Kokkhana, Shin Wiseiktha, Shin Yarzeinda,** and **U Pyin Nya Wuntha** may have been detained on 8 August for their peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of assembly and expression; and urging that unless they have been charged with recognisably criminal offenses and are to be fairly tried, they be immediately and unconditionally released.

APPEALS TO:

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Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council
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Maj Gen Tun Kyi
Chairman of the Mandalay Division
Law and Order Restoration Council
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Telegrams: Chairman Mandalay Division, Law/Order Restoration Council, Mandalay, Myanmar.

COPIES TO:

Gen (ret) U Ne Win
Patron of the Myanmar War Veterans Organisation
Yangon
Union of Myanmar

State Maha Nayak Sayadaw
U Thiri Bhirenda Biwuntha
New Masoeyein Monastery
Mandalay Southwest Township
Union of Myanmar

and to diplomatic representatives of Myanmar (Burma) to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 13 December 1990.