


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:				
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:		Ba Myint		
GENDER:	Male	Ethnicity:		
DATE OF BIRTH:		Age:		
RELIGION:				
PARENTS NAME:				
EDUCATION:				
OCCUPATION:		Leader of Demo Active		
LAST ADDRESS:		Rangoon		
ARREST DATE:	2015: January 3 (charged) 2004: December 22 1990		PHOTO DATE:	
SECTION OF LAW:	2015: Seven counts of Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act. 2004: December 19: Act No. 5/96 Chapter 2, Section 3 of the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions. 1990: Section 5 (j) of the Emergency Provisions Act—to affect the morality or conduct of the public or a group of people in a way that would undermine the security of the Union or the restoration of law and order.			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	2015: August 20: Section 18, four months imprisonment from Ahlon Township Court. July 10: Section 18, four months imprisonment. July 8: two counts of Section 18, eight months from Kyauktada Township Court. June 19: Section 18, four months with hard labour from Dagon Township. April 29: Section 18, three months imprisonment. February 25: Section 18, one month imprisonment from Ladha Township Court. 2005: June 13: Sentenced to life imprisonment (20 years) 1990: Sentenced to four years hard labour			
COURT HEARING:				
NAME OF PRISON:	2015 : Insein Prison 2004 : Bamaw Prison 1990: Insein Prison			
RELEASE DATE:	2009: September 17: released from 2004 arrest 1994: released from Insein Prison from 1990 arrest			
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:				
Current Status Summary:				
CAREER BACKGROUND:				
<p>Former chairman of National League for Democracy (NLD) Ahlon Township, Ba Myint was first arrested and sentenced in 1990 under Section 5 (j) of the Emergency Provisions Act, to four years with hard labour in Insein Prison. He was arrested for listening to foreign language broadcasts and passing on the information to his friends. (1 November 2007 - Irrawaddy) (16 June 2005 - Asian Tribune)</p> <p>He was arrested for the second time on December 19, 2004 for distributing human rights information leaflets. He was sentenced under Act No. 5/96 Chapter 2, Section 3 of the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions. He was given the maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, but was released early under presidential amnesty on September 17, 2009. (16 June 2005 - Asian Tribune)</p> <p>Ba Myint's political activism continued in 2014 where he staged a number of solo protests. Two such protests led to his arrest in 2015. In February 25, 2015 he was sentenced to his first count of unlawful protest under Section</p>				

18. He received one-month imprisonment for marching with one other protester, San San Yn, from Sule Pagoda to the Chinese Embassy in Rangoon, in demonstration against Letpadaung Copper-mine scandal. As his march passed through 6 different townships, Ba Myint is facing multiple charges under Section 18. He was additionally sentenced to 3 months on April 29, 4 months with hard labour on June 19, 4 months on July 8, 4 months on July 10, and most recently, 4 months on August 20, 2015.

In addition to being sentenced for his solo protest on January 1, 2015, Ba Myint has also been sentenced with an additional charge of Section 18 from Kyauktada Township Court for organising a commemoration for the 26-month anniversary of the Letpadaung crackdown in November 2012. He was sentenced to four months imprisonment on July 8.

ARREST DETAILS:

2015: Ba Myint was arrested for a solo protest he staged against the Letpadaung Copper-mine

2004: Ba Myint was arrested in December 2004 with three other NLD members and one other political activist for distributing human rights leaflets. He was allegedly denied access to legal council and was not permitted to see family members. He was sentenced on June 13, 2005 to life imprisonment (20 years). He was released on September 17, 2009.

1990: Arrested for listening to foreign broadcasts on the radio, and distributing that information to friends.

DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

2015: Sentenced to seven counts of Section 18 and imprisoned in Insein Prison.

2004: Imprisoned in Bamaw Prison under Act No. 5/96 Chapter 2, Section 3, and sentenced to life imprisonment. Released under Presidential Amnesty on September 17, 2009.

1990: Sentenced to four years hard labour to Insein Prison under Section 5 (j) of the Emergency Provisions Act. He was released in 1994.

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