


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:				
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Htin Linn Oo			
GENDER:	Male	Ethnicity:		
DATE OF BIRTH:	January 21, 1967	Age:	48	
RELIGION:				
PARENTS NAME:				
EDUCATION:				
OCCUPATION:	Writer; former information officer for NLD			
LAST ADDRESS:				
ARREST DATE:	2014: December 4			
SECTION OF LAW:	2014: Sections 295 (a) (defaming religion) and 298 (hurting religious feelings) of the Penal Code			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	2015: June 2: under Section 295 (a) to 2 years hard labor form Chaung-U Township Court			
COURT HEARING:	2015: January 15 (fifth court hearing)			
NAME OF PRISON:	2015: Monywa Prison			
RELEASE DATE:				
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:				
None known.				
Current Status Summary:				
Htin Linn Oo is currently incarcerated in Monywa Prison. On June 2, he was sentenced to 2 years hard labor for defaming religion under section 294 (a) of the Penal Code.				
CAREER BACKGROUND:				
Htin Linn Oo is a former NLD information officer who was arrested in 2014 for a speech given at a literary event in Rangoon. He was arrested for his comments regarding religious extremism and religious intolerance, with regard to Buddhist fundamentalism. The speech was given on October 23, 2014, and sparked controversy with religious leaders in the area. A small extract from his speech was also distributed on CDs to the public, which focused on Htin Linn Oo's defamatory words against religious extremism, and Buddhism in particular. Due to the nature of his words, Htin Linn Oo was removed from his position as an information officer at the NLD after receiving the charges. Htin Linn Oo affirms that the extract was taken out of context, and that his speech was more concerned with tolerance and acceptance.				
ARREST DETAILS:				
Htin Linn Oo was arrested on December 4, 2014 due to a speech he gave on October 23. He was charged under Sections 295 (a) (defaming religion) and 298 (hurting religious feelings) of the Penal Code. On his first court hearing on December 17, Htin Linn Oo was denied bail. He was detained for 6 months before being sentenced to 2 years with hard labor under Section 294 (a) of the Penal Code to Monywa Prison on June 2, 2015.				
DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:				
Htin Linn Oo is currently incarcerated in Monywa Prison, serving a sentence of 2 years with hard labor under Section 294 (a) of the Penal Code.				
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