

Political Prisoner Profile			
AAPP CASE:	Bi-Midday Sun Journal		
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Kyaw Zaw Hein, Win Tin, Thura Aung, Yin Min Htun, Kyaw Min Khaing		
GENDER:	All male	Ethnicity:	
DATE OF BIRTH:		Age:	
RELIGION:			
PARENTS NAME:			
EDUCATION:			
OCCUPATION:	Staff of the newspaper <i>Bi Midday Sun</i> : Kyaw Zaw Hein (reporter); Win Tin (editor); Thura Aung (editor-in-chief); Yin Min Htun (officer-in-charge); and Kyaw Min Khaing (publisher).		
LAST ADDRESS:			
ARREST DATE:	2014: 7-8 July: Kya Zaw Hein, Ko Win Tin and Thura Aung 16 July: Yin Min Htun and Kyaw Min Khaing	PHOTO DATE:	
SECTION OF LAW:	2014: July 8: Sectionh 5(d) and 5(j) of the Emergency Provisions Act (charged) August 4: Section 505(b) of the Penal Code (charges reduced to this)		
SENTENCING HISTORY:	2014: October 16: sentenced to two years imprisonment at Pabedan Township Court under Section 505(b)		
COURT HEARING:	Pabedan Township Court		
NAME OF PRISON:	Insein Prison		
RELEASE DATE:	Remain detained in Insein prison, Rangoon		
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:			
AAPP has not received any information regarding their current health status in prison.			
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:			
The five remain incarcerated in Insein prison.			
CAREER BACKGROUND:			
All five are employees at the <i>Midday Sun</i> journal. Although originally charged under Section 5(j) and (d) of the Emergency Provisions Act, they were eventually charged under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code, which carries a lighter sentence.			
ARREST DETAILS:			
<p>On 7 July 2014, the <i>Bi Midday Sun</i> had published a statement by the Movement for Democracy Current Force (MDCF) that claimed that opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and ethnic leaders had been elected as an interim government. On 7 and 8 July, Special Branch police arrested Kyaw Zaw Hein, Win Tin and Thura Aung in Yangon. On July 11, authorities had still not revealed the location of Kyaw Zaw Hein. They were held without access to lawyer or families.</p> <p>On July 8, the three arrested individuals, along with Yin Min Htun and Kyaw Min Khaing, were indicted under Section 505(b) by Thein Htun, Police Chief of the Pabedan Township police Station.</p> <p>On 16 July 2014 the Thai authorities arrested Yin Min Htun and Kyaw Min Khaing, as well as Kyaw Min Khaing's wife, in the border town of Mae Sot, and handed them over to the Burma authorities. His wife was later released due to a lack of evidence against her.</p>			
DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:			

Upon initial detention, Kyaw Zaw Hein was held incommunicado for at least three days.

On August 14, Pabedan Township Court rejected their bail request.

On 16 October the five were sentenced to two years imprisonment at Pabedan Township Court and are currently detained in Insein Prison. They plan to submit an appeal. Their lawyer is U Kyaw Win.

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