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AAPP CASE:	Mangrove Case		
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Htun Htun Oo; Cho Lwin, Myint Lwin, Khin Shwe		
GENDER:	All Male	Ethnicity:	
DATE OF BIRTH:		Age:	
RELIGION:			
PARENTS NAME:			
EDUCATION:			
OCCUPATION:	Member of the Human Rights Watch and Defense Network (HRWDN)		
LAST ADDRESS:			
ARREST DATE:	2014: <i>Htun Htun Oo:</i> August 29 <i>Myint Lwin, Cho Lwin, Khin Shwe:</i> September 15		
SECTION OF LAW:	2014: <i>Htun Htun Oo</i> <i>Charges:</i> Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law: March 12; May 18; July (solo protest case) Section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Act: July 16 Section 447 of the Penal Code (Trespassing): July 2 Section 6/1 (misuse of public property): July 9 Section 427 of the Penal Code (Mischief): August 5 <i>Sentenced:</i> 3 counts of Section 18: September 23 <i>Myint Lwin, Cho Lwin, Khin Shwe</i> <i>Sentenced:</i> Cho Lwin and Khin Shwe: 4 months under Section 18 on September 23 Mint Lwin: 2 month sentence under Section 18 on September 23 <i>Charges:</i> All three faces charges under Section 447 (2 counts) and 427 (2 counts) of the Penal Code, and Section 6/1 (1 count)		
SENTENCING HISTORY:	2014: <i>Htun Htun Oo</i> September 23: Sentenced to 6 months imprisonment under three charges (March 12, May 12, July solo protest) of Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act by Dedayae Township Court. <i>Myint Lwin, Cho Lwin, Khin Shwe</i> September 23: Sentenced by Dedayae Township Court under Section 18 (Cho Lwin and Khin Shwe: 2 counts; Myint Lwin: 1 count)		
COURT HEARING:	Dadayae Township Court		
NAME OF PRISON:	Pyapon Prison		
RELEASE DATE:	Myint Lwin, Chow Lwin, and Khin Shwe have been released, but AAPP has not received any information regarding their release date. Htun Htun Oo remains in Pyapon prison.		
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:			
AAPP has not received any information regarding their health except Tun Tun Oo's.			

In March 2015, The Irrawaddy reported that Tun Tun Oo went on hunger strike, including no water, since February 28, 2015, after his medical note submission to the township judge requesting bail for Section 6/1 was denied. He is very weak and has not had food or drinks. His condition requires hospitalization outside of prison, the Pyapon prison doctor recommended he receives this medical attention and gave him a medical note. Dedaye Township judge refused to grant him bail three times even though Tun Tun Oo submitted a letter with the medical note

CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:

Htun Htun Oo was sentenced to six months in prison under three counts of Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession act on September 23, 2014. He still faces charges: under Section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act, Section 447 and 427 of the Penal Code, and Section 6/1.

Myint Lwin, Cho Lwin, and Khin Shwe were likewise sentenced under Section 18 on September 23, 2014, and remain in Pyapon Prison. They also face outstanding charges under Section 447 and 427 of the Penal Code, and Section 6/1. AAPP has received no information regarding these charges.

CAREER BACKGROUND:

Htun Htun Oo is a member of Human Rights Watch and Defense Network (HRWDN). Since March, Htun Htun Oo has been rallying for the replanting of mangrove forests in the Irrawaddy Delta in order to limit the damage caused by natural disasters. He has held multiple demonstrations, and has also attempted to begin the replanting. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment on September 23. His lawyer's name is Aung Bo Bo Nyunt.

Khin Shwe, Myint Lwin, and Cho Lwin are all locals from the Irrawaddy Delta.

ARREST DETAILS:

On March 10, 2014, Htun Htun Oo gave a speech calling for the replanting of the mangrove jungle in Dedayae Township. On March 12, 2014, Htun Htun Oo, Khin Shwe, and Cho Lwin were indicted under Section 18 at Kyone-Dar Police Station. They were granted bail by Dedayae Township Court.

On May 12, 2014, Htun Htun Oo began the replanting of the mangrove forest. On May 18, Htun Htun Oo, Khin Shwe, and Cho Lwin were again indicted under Section 18 by Kyone-Dar Police Station Commander, along with Myint Lwin. The defendants were again granted bail by Dedayae Township Court.

In July, Htun Htun Oo held a solo protest criticizing the government for corruption, and was again indicted under Section 18. He also began the replanting of more than 70,000 mangrove trees. On July 2, he was indicted under Section 447 of the Penal Code for trespassing where he had begun the replanting.

On July 1, he also protested against the detention of U San Sint, the Minister of Religious Affairs who was arrested for not endorsing the president's statement regarding the case of the Mahathantithukha Monastery land ownership issue. On July 16, 2014, he was indicted under Section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act in Bassein Township.

On July 9, 2014, he again protested in opposition to U San Sint's ongoing detention in Dedayae Township. That evening he was indicted under Section 6/1 for the destruction of crops; he was not, however, indicted for the protest. A total of eleven people were indicted under the same section of law.

On August 5, he was indicted again under Section 427 of the Penal Code for the destruction of paddy fields. In this particular case, more than 60 villagers were indicted under either Section 427 of the Penal Code, Section 447 of the Penal Code, Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act, or some combination of the three.

On August 29, he was arrested and detained in Pyapon Prison. Myint Lwin, Khin Shwe and Cho Lwin were later arrested on September 15.

DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

The four have been incarcerated in Pyapon Prison since September 23, 2014.

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