

## Political Prisoner Profile

<b>AAPP CASE:</b>	<b>Thaw ZinLetpadaung</b>			
<b>NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:</b>	Thaw Zin			
<b>GENDER:</b>	Male	<b>Ethnicity:</b>		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>		<b>Age:</b>		
<b>RELIGION:</b>				
<b>PARENTS NAME:</b>	Thein Dan			
<b>EDUCATION:</b>				
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>	Member of the Yangon People's Support Network			
<b>LAST ADDRESS:</b>				
<b>ARREST DATE:</b>	<b>2014:</b> 11 February			<b>PHOTO DATE:</b>
<b>SECTION OF LAW:</b>	<p><b>2014:</b> Section 505(b) of Burmese Penal Code Article 447 Burmese Penal code, trespassing,</p> <p><b>2013:</b> Section 18 Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act</p>			
<b>SENTENCING HISTORY:</b>	<p><b>2014:</b> March 24: Sentenced to 15 months imprisonment under Section 505(b) and 447 of the Penal Code.</p> <p><b>2013:</b> April: Thaw Zin was arrested and detained in prison for eight months for participating in land rights protests. He was released under a presidential amnesty on December 31.</p>			
<b>COURT HEARING:</b>	Monywa			
<b>NAME OF PRISON:</b>	Monywa Prison			
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	September 26, 2014			
<b>IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:</b>				
No information has been received regarding his current health status.				
<b>CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:</b>				
Released.				
<b>CAREER BACKGROUND:</b>				
Thaw Zin is a member of the Yangon People's Support Network.				
<b>ARREST DETAILS:</b>				
<p><b>2014:</b> February 11: He was beaten and detained at Nyaungbingyi police station by six plain-clothed policewhile he was walking in Salingyi township with a local resident. March 24: Thaw Zin was sentenced to fifteen month under Section 505(b) and 447 of the Penal Code for helping local villagers protest against the Latpadaung copper mine in Salingyi Township in Sagaing Division.He was first charged with disturbing public tranquillity,with two additional charges being added later:1) Threatening Wanbao Company staff and 2) trespassing. Six months of the sentence was for “disturbing public tranquillity” and “disobedience duly promulgated by a public servant” and three months was forcriminal trespassing.</p> <p><b>2013:</b> April 28: A warrant for the arrest of Thaw Zin and seven other activists was announcedby police office in Sagaing Township. Anyone withholding information as to Thaw Zin’s whereabouts would be subject to a six-month incarceration, and anyone found hiding him would be subject to a five-year imprisonment. He was detained (sometime in April) under Article 18 for organising protests without permission after helping local villagers with a demonstration. He was charged for trespassing, instigating riots and disturbing officials on duty.31st December 2013 - the charge was dropped under a presidential amnesty.</p>				
<b>DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:</b>				
On 26 September 2014 Thaw Zin was released fromMonywa Prison; no reason was given for his early release.				
<b>*Profile prepared by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) on March 9, 2015*.</b>				

