


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE:		Win Cho and Wai Lu Case		
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:		Win Cho and Wai Lu		
GENDER:	Males	Ethnicity:	Bamar	
DATE OF BIRTH:		Age:	<i>Win Cho</i> :61	
RELIGION:				
PARENTS NAME:				
EDUCATION:	<p>Win Cho 1962 - Ahlone State High School NO.2 since kindergarten 1965 - 3rd Standard in Middle School No.2 Dala</p>			
OCCUPATION:	<p>Wai Lu Yangon People's Harmony Network</p> <p>Win Cho Politician and Activist</p>			
LAST ADDRESS:				
ARREST DATE:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 26 March</p> <p>Win Cho 2014:26 March; 18 January 2013:5 September</p>		<p>PHOTO DATE: 5 September 2013 (Win Cho)</p>	
SECTION OF LAW:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 25 August Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act</p> <p>Win Cho 2014: 25 August: Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act 1 April: Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act</p> <p>2013: 5 September: Article 505(b) of the Penal Code</p>			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 25 August: Sentenced to four months imprisonment by Rangoon's Kyauktada Township Court for violating Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Act.</p> <p>Win Cho 2014: 25 August: Sentenced to three months imprisonment by Rangoon's Kyauktada Township Court for violating Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Act.</p>			

	<p>1 April: Sentenced to 3 months imprisonment under Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Act by Western Rangoon District Court.</p> <p>2013: October: Sentenced to 6 months imprisonment under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code and Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act.</p> <p>1989: Detained for one month for a protest he organized in Singapore in 1988.</p>
COURT HEARING:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 25 August: Rangoon's Kyauktada Township Court</p> <p>Win Cho 2014: 25 August: Rangoon's Kyauktada Township Court 1 April: Western Rangoon District Court.</p> <p>2013: October: <i>Unknown</i></p>
NAME OF PRISON:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 25 August – Present: Insein</p> <p>Win Cho 2014: 25 August – Present: Insein 1 April – 25 June: Insein Prison 2013: October 2013 – 11 December 2013: <i>Unknown</i></p>
RELEASE DATE:	<p>Wai Lu 2014: 18 November (sentence expired)</p> <p>Win Cho 2014: 20 October (sentence expired) 24 June (sentence expired)</p> <p>2013 11 December (presidential amnesty)</p>
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:	
AAPP has received no information about the two prisoners immediate health concerns.	
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:	
<p>On September 18, 2014, Win Cho and Wai Lu had their sentence reduced by one month in a successful appeal bid. Their Lawyer, Robert San Aung, claims the reduction is meant to allow Win Cho to attend a religious ceremony planned for his daughter on October 25, 2014. Win Cho was therefore released on October 20, while Wai Lu was released on November 18, 2014.</p> <p>18 September 2014 - RFA/Burmese</p>	
CAREER BACKGROUND:	

Wai Lu:

Wai Lu is a member of the Yangon People's Harmony Network. In January 2014, Wai Lu held a demonstration protesting against the eviction of the MoehtiMoemi gold miners. On March 26, 2014, he, along with Win Cho, held another demonstration against the sudden electricity hike in Rangoon. He was sentenced on August 26 to four months imprisonment (3 months for the March protest, one month for the January protest.) His sentence has since been reduced by one month, and he was released in November of 2014.

Win Cho:

From 1975 to 1980, Win Cho volunteered with his township Red Cross. He also worked as a sailor for People's Pearl and Fisheries Corp. In 1988, he was the leader of demonstration in front of the Burmese Embassy in Singapore.

In 1989, he returned to Burma and formed the Labor Solidarity Group and worked as Secretary of the organization. Upon return, he was detained in Insein Prison for one month.

In 2010, he served as Yangon Division Organizing Chairman of the Myanmar Democratic Party for New Society. He resigned in July of that year, and ran as an independent candidate in the 2010 election in Dala Constituency for the Yangon Region Assembly. He failed to win the election.

In 2013, he was arrested and charged under Section 505(b) and Section 18 for a protest held in July. He was eventually sentenced to six months imprisonment, but was released under presidential amnesty on December 11 of that year.

[11 December 2014 - Irrawaddy](#)

In 2014, he staged a protest in January, and was again arrested and sentenced under Section 18 to three months imprisonment. He was released on June 24 after the expiration of his sentence. However, he was handed another three months sentence on August 26 in connection with another unrelated protest held in March. Again, he was sentenced under Section 18.

ARREST DETAILS:**2014:**

26 March: U Win Cho was arrested, along with Wai Lu, while partaking in a protest against government backed electricity price hikes in Rangoon. They were later released on bail.

18 January: U Win Cho was arrested for staging a protest without permission on January 17. The protest saw hundreds of farmers from over 30 townships across Burma calling for the release of remaining political prisoners, constitutional change, and the establishment of a farmers union in the country.

[26 August 2014 - DVB](#)**2013:**

September 5: Win Cho was arrested under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code and Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act for a protest held in July 2013.

1988/1999:

While working as a sailor on a five star ship, he gathered his sail mates and protested in front of Burmese Embassy in Singapore. When his ship arrived to Burma in 1989, he was detained for one month in Insein Prison.

DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

AAPP has not received any information regarding the conditions that Win Cho has faced during his various incarcerations.

***Profile prepared by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) on March 9, 2015*.**