

## Political Prisoner Profile

<b>AAPP CASE NO.:</b>				
<b>NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:</b>	<b>Thant Zin Htet</b>			
<b>GENDER:</b>	Male	<b>Ethnicity</b>	:	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	20	
<b>RELIGION:</b>				
<b>PARENTS NAME:</b>				
<b>EDUCATION:</b>				
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>	A student activist A member of the People's Assistance Network			
<b>LAST ADDRESS:</b>	Zimingwin Village, Ywathagone Tract, Nattalin Township, Bago Division			
<b>ARREST DATE:</b>	<b>May 2014</b> <b>12 February 2014</b> – Brief arrest under section 18 <b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b> – Charged under section 18			
<b>SECTION OF LAW:</b>	<b>Section 6</b> of the 1988 Law Relating to Forming of Organizations <b>Section 18</b> of the Right to Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law 2014 – <b>505(b)</b> of Burma's penal code			
<b>SENTENCING HISTORY:</b>	<p><b>6 May 2014</b> – Thant Zin Htet was charged under Article 505(b) for insulting police. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014, he was summoned to Paung Tae Court on 6<sup>th</sup> May; however he did not attend the court.</p> <p><b>12 February 2014 – 12 February 2014</b>            On 12 February 2014, Thant Zin Htet was arrested for his involvement in a land right protest under Section 18 of the Right to Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law and released on bail with US dollar 50 on the same day.</p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>            He was charged under Article 18 of the Right to Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law and Section 6 of the 1988 Law Relating to Forming of Organizations and detained for participating in a demonstration against land confiscation. On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013, after eleven days of hunger strike, he was released.</p>			
<b>COURT HEARING:</b>	6 May 2014 - Paung Tae Court			
<b>NAME OF PRISON:</b>	From 11th June 2013 to 24th December 2013 - Paung Tae Prison			
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<b>12 February 2014 – 12 February 2014</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>			
<b>IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:</b>				
<b>CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:</b>				
<b>CAREER BACKGROUND:</b>				
<b>ARREST DETAILS:</b>				
<b>6 May 2014</b> – Together with the four other protesters, he was charged with defamation of the state				

under **Article 505(b)** for cursing the government for a demonstration in February where the government's arrests and beatings occurred. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014, the court sent the accused a letter saying they were to hear the charge for the ritual, burning coffins at the town shrine, and invoking a curse on the government. From February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, he participated in a long-running land rights protest. He did not appear in court on May 6 2014.

<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/farmers-injured-clash-police-court-decision.html>

<https://www.dvb.no/dvb-video/farmers-charged-with-defamation-after-invoking-curse-on-govt-burma-myanmar/40443>

**12 February 2014** – Thant Zin Htet, together with three farmers organized a protest with around fifty local farmers on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 was arrested under **Section 18** of the Peaceful Assembly Law for protesting without permission.

**12 February 2014** – He was released on bail for \$50 (USD).

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2013** - - Thant Zin Htet, together with two human right defenders Khin Mi Mi Khaing and Daw Myint Myint Aye, attended a farmer's demonstration against land confiscation in Pae Ma Khan Village in Pegu Division, to return the grabbed lands taken from farmers by the military and calling for the support to the farmers.

**On June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013**, The day following the demonstration, he and the two other demonstrators were arrested, put in jail, and charged for allegedly taking part in illegal associations under Section 6 of the 1988 Law Relating to Forming of Organizations. They had weekly trials in Nattalin Court and last trial in Pegu Court.

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2013** - After having been in custody without bail for six months, the three of them started a hunger strike to demand a verdict.

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2013** – He was released after an eleven-day hunger strike.

17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 - Thant Zin Htet did a solo demonstration in Takundaing Village calling for amendment of the 2008 constitution, freedom of association, village development, amendment of Section 18, and land rights. They charged him under Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law for protesting without permission.

<http://www.humanrights.asia/news/urgent-appeals/AHRC-UAC-101-2013>

**DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:**