

Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:				
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	May Mi Thet			
GENDER:	Female	Ethnicity:	Burmese	
DATE OF BIRTH:	January 30, 1986	Age:	30 years	
RELIGION:	Buddhist			
PARENTS NAME:	U Thet Tin and Daw Aye Mi			
EDUCATION:	B.A (Economics)			
OCCUPATION:	National League for Democracy, Youth member Tamwe Township			
LAST ADDRESS:	Building (A), Room (61), Yamonnar Condo, Dawbon Township, 09799329500			
ARREST DATE:	2015: March 10	PHOTO DATE:		
SECTION OF LAW:	Sections 143, 145, 147 of the Penal Code.			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	2015: Release on bail, Under Trial			
COURT HEARING:	2015: Tharrawaddy District Court			
NAME OF PRISON:	2015: Tharrawaddy Prison			
RELEASE DATE:	2015: March 25 (released on bail)			
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:	May Mi Thet is in good health.			
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:	May Mi Thet is currently facing trial on all charges.			
CAREER BACKGROUND:	May Mi Thet is an Economics student who was arrested for her involvement in the March 10 protest against education reform.			
ARREST DETAILS:	<p>2015: May Mi Thet was arrested for her involvement in the March 10 student protests against the new Education Bill in Letpadan. May Mi Thet joined the protests at 2 am because of reports of negotiations between the two sides. A breakthrough agreement was announced, which granted the students permission to continue on their journey to Kyunkalay Junction. However, authorities did not allow hoisting flags, singing songs or traveling in convoys. Even though, students requested renegotiation of their protest, authorities did not reply to their request.</p> <p>A riot broke out as students tried to break through police barriers. Bricks and stones were reported to have been thrown into the crowds. Most students ran into the monastery to take refuge. Police surrounded the compound shortly after. Student leaders negotiated with police officers regarding the peaceful arrest, without protest, if the police agreed to no further violence. However, the authorities failed to carryout this agreement.</p> <p>Upon arrest, students were asked to sit on the ground in uncomfortable positions, which is known as 'pone-san' in prison, and were forced to hold their heads down while they were kicked. Students' hands were tied with barbed-wire restraint kits. May Mi Thet heard the sounds of other students being beaten, some of whom were forced to get in, and sit on the floor of cars. The police did not allow students to move into more comfortable positions. Female students, were verbally abused by policewomen using disgusting swear words. May Mi Thet arrived at Tharyarwaddy prison at 4 pm. After showering and having dinner, the police colonel recorded the names of students who were currently attending school. May Mi Thet was then interrogated by a policewomen at 9 pm.</p> <p>The next day, female students were forced to take urine pregnancy tests. At 3 pm, May Mi Thet was sent to Letpadan Court</p>			

for trial. When the students went to court by car, they were forced to sit on the floor in uncomfortable positions, their faces very close to the policewomen legs. During the Car ride May Mi Thet was verbally abused by the policewomen. When she looked at them she was beaten. This occurred three times. May Mi Thet was remanded for a further two weeks until she was released on bail on March 25, in Letpadan court.

May Mi Thet is now facing trial at Tharyarwaday Court. She has been charged under Sections 143, 145, and 147 of the Penal Code.

Prosecutor for the case is Police Major Bhone Myint and the judge is U Mya Kyaw.

DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

2015:

March 25: Released on bail, awaiting trial on all charges.