

## Political Prisoner Profile

<b>AAPP CASE:</b>	<b>Phyu Hnin Htwe</b>			
<b>NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:</b>	PhyuHninHtwe			
<b>GENDER:</b>	Female	<b>Ethnicity:</b>	Burman	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	February 14, 1992	<b>Age:</b>	23	
<b>RELIGION:</b>				
<b>PARENTS NAME:</b>				
<b>EDUCATION:</b>	Yadanabon University – Distance Education			
<b>OCCUPATION:</b>	Student; ABSFU member			
<b>LAST ADDRESS:</b>	No-14, Aung Mingalar Section No-1, Patheingyi, Mandalay			
<b>ARREST DATE:</b>	<b>2014:</b> September 13			<b>PHOTO DATE:</b>
<b>SECTION OF LAW:</b>	<p><b>2014:</b> Exact Date Unknown (charged but not convicted): Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act</p> <p>September 13 (charged but not convicted): Section 364 of the Penal Code (kidnapping); Section 368 of the Penal Code (aiding and abetting a kidnapping); charged according to Section 512 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (evidence submitted resulting from a failure to appear in court)</p>			
<b>SENTENCING HISTORY:</b>	<b>2014:</b> Awaiting sentencing			
<b>COURT HEARING:</b>	<p><b>2014:</b> May 22: Yinmabin Township Court (failed to appear) September 15: Yinmabin Township Court September 23: Yinmabin Township Court September 30: Yinmabin Township Court</p>			
<b>NAME OF PRISON:</b>	<b>2014 :</b> Monywa Prison			
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<b>2014:</b> October 15			
<b>IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:</b>				
No information has been received regarding her current health situation.				
<b>CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:</b>				
Phyu Hnin Htwe was released from prison on October 15, 2014. All charges against her were dropped after a hearing on October 13, 2014.				
<b>CAREER BACKGROUND:</b>				
Phyu Hnin Htwe is a long distance student at Yadanabon University. She is also an active member of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions. She has worked in the Letpadaung area, providing assistance to locals who have been displaced by the controversial mine project in that area.				
<b>ARREST DETAILS:</b>				
<p>Phyu Hnin Htwe was arrested at her home around 2 pm on September 13, 2014, by Lieutenant Khin Maung Oo of Patheingyi Myoma Police Station. She was immediately indicted under Section 364 and 368 of the Penal Code. The charges related to an incident that had occurred on May 18, 2014: Villagers in the Letpadaung area had temporarily 'kidnapped' two Chinese staff of the Wanbao Company in relation to ongoing disputes surrounding their mine project. Phyu Hnin Htwe was working with displaced peoples in the area at the time, and was subsequently charged, along with six others, for the kidnapping of the two employees. The case against five of the accused was dropped later that month due to an understanding reached between the parties involved. She failed to attend the court hearing, so charges remained against her and Win Kyaw, one of her co-accused. Authorities had not actively pursued the case until her arrest on September 13.</p> <p>On October 29, 2014, she participated in a protest by Letpadaung residents in opposition to Wanbao Company Limited. The protest commemorated the 23 months anniversary of the Letpadaung protest crackdown; she was charged, along with five others, under Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act.</p>				

**DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:**

After her arrest, she was held incommunicado for two days before her first court appearance at Yinmabin Township Court on September 15. There was neither a prosecutor nor a defense lawyer present for this court appearance. At 4pm on September 15, her brother was finally made aware of her location and was able to have contact with her. On September 23, she had her second court appearance. On this occasion, two lawyers working on her case, Nyan Wai Lin and Nanda Zaw, applied for bail to be posted, but the application was rejected. She appeared in court on September 30, along with her lead lawyer Thein Than Oo, and again had her request for bail denied. She was arbitrarily detained in prison for over a month before finally being released. Prior to release, concerns had been raised by the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU) about her prison conditions; they claim that she was denied access to a mosquito net and reading material, and suffered from low blood pressure and general poor health while being detained in Monywa Prison.

**\*Profile prepared by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) on April 23, 2015\***