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A Political Prisoner's Mother Died after Her Visit to Her Son

We, the members of the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners-Burma (AAPPB), were informed that a political prisoner's mother died after her visit to her son. Daw Hla Hla Myint, mother of Mya Than Htike (aka) Tayzar, passed away at the age of 66 on 15 May, 2010 after her visit to her son in Taungoo prison due to the extremely hot weather. AAPP also expresses its deepest condolences for Mya Than Htike and family members for their loss.

Mya Than Htike, a youth member of the National League for Democracy, was imprisoned for 9 years on 27 September 2007 for his involvement in the Saffron Revolution. While he was at the demonstrations, the security forces gunned down the peaceful demonstrators. A Japanese journalist was killed and many other demonstrators were injured. Mya Than Htike got injured and taken to Rangoon General Hospital. Later, after he was sentenced to 9-year imprisonment, he was transferred to Taungoo prison in Bago Division, 175 miles north of Rangoon where his family resides.

Bo Kyi, the joint secretary of AAPP, said, "This is the tragic example of the military regime's brutal intention to torture both political prisoners and their families. Political prisoners are transferred to remote prisons thus family members have to face hardships to visit their loved ones in prisons."

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