

DECEMBER CHRONOLOGY 2016

At the end of December, 86 political prisoners are serving prison sentences.

Out of the 107 awaiting trial for political action, 40 are awaiting trial inside prison.



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POLITICAL PRISONERS

▪ ARRESTS

Min Htay, Member of a NCA signatory group arrested by the Army

Min Htay, a central committee member of the All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF), a signatory group of the nationwide ceasefire agreement (NCA), was arrested by the Army in Momauk Township, Kachin State. On December 28, Min Htay was detained at the Sein Lone military checkpoint on Bhamo-Lwegel road before being transferred to the Momauk police station two days later. The Army's northern command informed the Joint-ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC) about the arrest, through which the ABSDF has been negotiating for his release. The authorities have not yet disclosed the reasons behind his arrest and other details of his detention.

[\(28 December 2016 - VOA/Burmese\)](#) [\(29 December 2016 - DVB/Burmese\)](#) [\(29 December 2016 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#) [\(30 December 2016 - The Irrawaddy\)](#) [\(31 December 2016 - RFA/Burmese\)](#) [\(31 December 2016 - VOA/Burmese\)](#)

Villagers Arrested in Northern Shan State

On December 14, five villagers from Lashap village in Northern Shan State were arrested by the military. They were suspected of being affiliated with members of an ethnic armed group. When they were arrested, the military found them in possession of firearms and explosives. They are now being detained and are under investigation. Village administrators and the military are negotiating for their

release. At the end of December, AAPP has been unable to confirm the specific charges brought against the villagers.

[\(20 December 2016 - BNI/Burmese\)](#)

Four Ta'ang Civilians detained by the Special Branch Police in Lashio

The Special Branch Police in Lashio, Shan State, arrested 17 civilians from a guesthouse in Lashio. 13 in total have been unconditionally released, with the police claiming that the remaining four, who continue to be detained, have ties with the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), an ethnic armed group forming a part of Northern Alliance. The detained civilians remain in custody for further investigation. Police Chief in Lashio, Aung Myat Moe said "Those four-people admitted that they joined the military training from the Palaung. They even told us that they were recruited". The Ta'ang Women's Organization (TWO) suspects that Special Branch Police may torture the civilian detainees to get forced admissions of affiliations with the TNLA. On December 4, the TWO and other community leaders visited the police station to ask police for permission to speak with the detainees but their request was denied.

[\(5 December 2016 - The Irrawaddy \)](#)

Nyein Chan, NLD youth leader, arrested under section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law

The youth coordinator of National League for Democracy (NLD) in Letpadan Township, Pegu Division, Nyein Chan was

accused of slandering a municipal official in a Facebook post in July this year. Following the alleged slander, the municipal official lodged a complaint under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law. He was brought before the Township Court on December 15 and has been held in custody on remand for the alleged violation of section 66(d) of Telecommunications Law. His next hearing was scheduled for December 22. At the end of December, AAPP was unable to obtain any further information regarding this trial.

[\(15 December 2016 - Eleven/Burmese\)](#) [\(16 December 2016 - DVB/Burmese\)](#) [\(16 December 2016 - BBC/Burmese\)](#) [\(16 December 2016- DVB\)](#)

▪ CHARGES

‘Nga Pha’ Formally Charged under 66(d)

On December 14, Zaw Zaw who goes by the name Nga Pha on Facebook, was formally charged under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunication Law in North Okkalapa Township Court, Rangoon, for defamatory posts about State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made on social media. He was initially arrested on October 10 and has been in detention since his arrest. Nay Myo Kyaw filed the lawsuit against Zaw Zaw on October 7 at North Okkalapa Township Police Station.

[\(14 December 2016 – Eleven/Burmese\)](#)

▪ DETENTIONS

Myo Yan Naung Thein denied bail by the District Court

Secretary of the Central Research for the National League for Democracy (NLD), Myo Yan Naung Thein who has been charged under section 66 (d) of the Telecommunications Law, was denied bail by Yangon Region West District Court on December 26. The Court cited invalid grounds to seek bail as the reason for refusing his appeal. He is facing trial at the Kamayut Township Court following a complaint made by Lieutenant Colonel Lin Tun of Yangon region command against him. Reportedly he had posted defamatory texts against the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. Myo Yan has been in detention since November 3.

[\(26 December 2016 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#)
[\(26 December 2016 - Eleven/Burmese\)](#) [\(27 December 2016 - Eleven\)](#) [\(28 December 2016 - 7 Day Daily/Burmese\)](#)

▪ SENTENCES

Civil Servant Receives Six Months in Prison for Defamation

Deputy Officer of the Township Planning Department in Salin Township, Magway Region, Tun Min Latt, was sentenced to six months imprisonment on December 28 by the Salin Township Court. The sentence was handed down after charges were brought against him under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law in June by complainant Aye Min Soe. He was sentenced for writing hate speech and using profane language against State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on social media, amounting to defamation. Aye Min Soe said “I registered a case against him for his activities on social media which endangered law and order and disturbed peace and tranquility in the country even though he was a serving civil servant. I did this because of my love for the interests of the country and my love for the people. I wish all civil servants and duly elected government work hand in hand in harmony for the country.”

[\(28 December 2016 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#)

[\(30 December 2016 - Mizzima\)](#)

Farmers Fined for Trespassing

On December 23, four farmers from Yebyu Township in Tanintharyi Division were each ordered to pay 5000 Kyat (US\$3.60) by the township court under Section 447 of the Penal Code for trespassing. Despite having been internally displaced by fighting between the military and the Karen National Union (KNU) in 1992, much of their land was sold off to corporations in

their absence. They were sued in September 2016 by Asia World and Shwe Padonmar for trespassing on land that was given to the corporations for palm oil plantations, upon their return to the area. Following the ceasefire between the military and the KNU in 2012, residents have begun returning to the area with the permission of the previous Karen National Affairs Minister under the Thein Sein administration, Saw Harvey. One of the four residents who was sued, Saw Myo Min, said “How could we apply for evidence of ownership when we were fleeing from the war? We want to work on our ancestral lands.”

[\(23 December 2016 – RFA/Burmese\)](#)

Four Men Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

On December 22, four men were sentenced to life imprisonment under Section 122 of the Penal Code, for High Treason, by the Mandalay District Court. The sentence stems from the arrest and charge of the four men in 2014; Zaw Min Htwe from Mandalay, Myint Thein and Ayar Mann from Bhamaw, and Khin Maung Shwe from Mohnyin. They were charged under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Association Act, Section 505(b) of the Penal Code (behavior amounting to public mischief), Section 5 of the Emergency Provision Act and Section 122 of the Penal Code for alleged connections with the Kachin Independent Army (KIA) in order to establish the ‘Islamic Army’.

Last month, on November 29, the men were sentenced to a total of five years

imprisonment by Amarapura Township Court, for the lesser offenses; five years under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code, three years imprisonment under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Association Act and two years imprisonment under Section 5 of the Emergency Provision Act, to be served concurrently.

Zaw Min Htwe, one of the four sentenced, maintains that they did not have any contact with the KIA. [\(20 December 2016 - BBC/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - BBC/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - The Voice/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - Thithtoolwin/Burmese\)](#)

72 farmers in Shan State Sentenced to Imprisonment over Land Confiscation Dispute

On December 22, 32 women and 40 men in Taunggyi Township, Southern Shan State, were sentenced by the Township Court to one month of imprisonment with hard labor after trespassing charges were brought against them by the Military's Eastern Command. The local farmers were sentenced under section 447 of the Penal Code for Criminal Trespass and for vandalism amounting to 'mischief' under 427 of the Penal Code, after continuing to plough their farmland which was confiscated by the military. Six people were ordered to pay a fine and released on December 22, 2016. Their land dispute was framed in the context of hundreds of other land-grab cases involving the military. A lawyer with Peace and Justice Legal Aid, Khin Moe Moe, told the court they are going to appeal the decision to Taunggyi District Court saying, "In Burma there has never been a verdict against such a large number of farmers". She argues that the case should be assessed by the Central

Review Committee on Confiscated Farmland, established by the NLD, rather than criminalizing and imprisoning farmers. Farmer's rights activist, Zaw Yan has said "The situation has not gotten better under the NLD Government. We never hear that those people who confiscated the land from farmers ever face legal action. Instead, the army brings more cases against farmers."

[\(22 December 2016 - DVB/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - The Voice/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - 7 Day Daily/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - Eleven/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - Thithtoolwin/Burmese\)](#) [\(22 December 2016 - VOA/Burmese\)](#) [\(23 December 2016 - RFA/Burmese\)](#) [\(23 December 2016 - Irrawaddy/Burmese\)](#) [\(23 December 2016 - Irrawaddy\)](#) [\(23 December - DVB\)](#) [\(23 December 2016 - Eleven\)](#)

Member of the Arakan Army Sentenced to Five Years Imprisonment

On December 21, Tun Tun Niaing was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Rathedaung Township Court in Arakan State, under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Association Act for associations with the Arakan Army. He was arrested in September by the military, who interrogated and beat him, before he was transferred to Sittwe No 1 Police Station, where an official lawsuit was filed against him.

[\(22 December 2016 - Thithtoolwin/Burmese\)](#)

▪ CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT

Eleven Media CEO and Editor in Chief Denied Bail Despite Serious Health Concerns

Following a complaint brought against two staff of Eleven Media Group (EMG) under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunication Law last month, Than Htut Aung (CEO) and Wai Phyö (Editor In-Chief) have again been denied bail at an appeal on November 30. The bail appeal was, in part, based on serious health concerns for Than Htut Aung who suffers from heart disease. On November 29, he suffered a heart attack in prison and was denied immediate medical care but is now attending the prison hospital. Despite medical submissions substantiating the CEO's condition, both men were again refused bail and continue to be held in Insein Prison awaiting trial for defamation. The judge refused Than Htut Aung's bail request on the basis that the medical reports submitted were obtained from a private, and not a public hospital and therefore do not fulfill the burden of proof required. The pair's legal team was cited as saying "Media staff are not murderers and rapists. Action taken under Section 66(d) is totally wrong. They should be charged under the Media Law. It is obvious that the executive misuses this section to threaten the media." Than Htut Aung's legal team continue to hold serious concerns for his health and appealed his bail again to a higher court on December 9. At this hearing, Than Htut Aung was wheeled from an ambulance into court on a stretcher. The judge told the court, on December 9, that the next hearing

would involve the questioning of the doctor at Insein Prison however at the scheduled hearing on December 15, the prison doctor failed to appear in court, submitting a letter citing he was too busy providing treatment to patients at the prison. He instead offered to answer the questions of the court and legal teams, by letter, at a later date. The judge continues to deny the acceptance of medical records already submitted by a private hospital and set another hearing for December 22. Wai Phyö, Editor in-Chief also remains in custody awaiting trial. At the December 22 trial, after reading the report from the doctor of Insein Prison Hospital, the judge again turned down Than Htut Aung's appeal for bail, without giving any satisfactory explanation for such denial. Another hearing was scheduled for December 30 to question the plaintiff. On December 27, EMG released a statement apologizing for the editorial, saying "The CEO and those responsible from Eleven Media Group would like to express their sincere apologies to the Yangon Region Chief Minister and the government for the damage caused by the article written based on inaccurate and groundless information. We make a solemn promise that we would not do such an act next time." At the December 30 trial, Than Htut Aung's application for bail was refused again despite him suffering another heart attack. His lawyer said "On the way to the court from Insein Prison, he suffered another heart attack. He couldn't sit in the court hearing and had to lie on the bench. He appealed to the judge to let him meet his doctor at the North Okkalapa hospital but it

was refused". The plaintiff did not attend the hearing, saying he had a meeting to attend. Another bail hearing has been set for January 6.

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■ RELEASES

Woman Arrested under 66(d) for Defaming State Counselor on Facebook receives bail

Sandi Myint Aung from Pegu Division was arrested under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law on November 29 for writing posts on Facebook considered insulting about State Counsellor Daw Aung Suu Kyi. Lin Lei Lei Hlaing filed a complaint against Sandi Myint Aung under Section 66(d) for criticizing Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in several posts, including calling her an 'Old lady', using foul language and satirically wishing for her death. She was remanded on November 30 to appear in court on December 7 and was subsequently released on bail by the Bago Township Court on December 26.

[\(1 December 2016 - Irrawaddy\)](#) [\(26 December - Eleven Myanmar\)](#) [\(26 December 2016 - Eleven/Burmese\)](#)

Activist Released after Time Served

On December 21, Political activist Khaing Nay Min from Myauk Oo Township, who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, was released from Sittwe Prison. In 2012, he staged a protest together with ethnic organizations. Later that year, he was arrested under Section 505(b) of the Penal Code while staying at a guest house in Rangoon, accused of possessing explosives. When he was arrested, he was told to look up, the explosives had been placed in front of him when he opened his eyes. Khaing Nay Min denied having any explosives in his possession.

[\(21 December 2016 - Mizzima/Burmese\)](#)

Magwe Division volunteer sued under section 66(d) by former USDP lawmaker; receives bail

Former Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) lawmaker, Hla Swe sued Zin Mar Kyi, a volunteer Gangaw Township from Magwe Division under section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law. Upon receiving a complaint from Hla Swe, the police station in Naypidaw questioned Zin Mar Kyi who was later released on bail. Zin Mar Kyi, allegedly defamed Hla Swe while commenting on one of his Facebook posts about villagers practicing witchcraft, to which she responded by saying "Do good deeds in your remaining time instead of talking through your hat".

[\(20 December, 2016 - The Irrawaddy\)](#) [\(20 December 2016 - The Voice/Burmese\)](#) [\(21 December 2016 - RFA/Burmese\)](#) [\(21 December 2016 - Irrawaddy/Burmese\)](#)

TNLA releases 11 villagers suspected of being RCSS Militiamen from custody

On December 12, The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), released 11 Mong Kat village residents from Kyaukme Township in Northern Shan State, who were detained on November 20 following a clash between the TNLA and Shan State Army - South (SSA-S). TNLA suspected these detainees of being members for the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS), the political wing of SSA-S.

As a condition of their release on December 12, the detainees had to sign an agreement stating that they would not contact the RCSS and would do no harm to the local Ta'ang population in future. The released men claimed to have been beaten by TNLA

members while detained. Their release was brokered by a local Shan-Ta'ang conflict resolution team composed of four Shan and four Palaung residents, the negotiations which began on December 4, when the team visited the detention camp. One individual is still detained by the TNLA; negotiations for his release will take place on team's next visit.

[\(13 December 2016 - The Irrawaddy\)](#) [\(13 December 2016 - DVB/Burmese\)](#) [\(14 December 2016 - Democratic Voice of Burma\)](#) [\(15 December 2016 - Myanmar Times/Burmese\)](#) [\(16 December 2016 - Myanmar Times\)](#)

Pathein NLD Vice-Chair receives bail and two others released as found innocent

Vice-chair of Pathein NLD, San Shwe, who was sued under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law, was granted bail by the Township Court for health reasons on December 9. Following a complaint filed by Sinma Village Administrator Aung Ko Lwin against San Shwe and Sinma Village NLD Chairman Myint Naing and Vice-Chairman Lwin Oo, San Shwe was arrested on November 24 and the other two on November 26. San Shwe was accused of insulting Aung Ko Lwin through a Facebook post, calling for an investigation against him for forcing unlicensed liquor shops to buy alcohol from him by saying that he is the nephew of the Speaker of the Lower House, Win Myint. Myint Naing and Lwin Oo were released as they were found to be unrelated to the said Facebook post. After his release, San Shwe said, "I was granted bail for health reasons at my first court appearance. Most defendants sued under Section 66(d) are not thieves and gangsters. They are normally in the media

and politics. I am happy [for myself] but sorry for those others who don't get bail."

[\(10 December 2016 - Eleven Myanmar\)](#) [\(10 December 2016 - 7 Day Daily/Burmese\)](#)

Journalist Released on Bail after Being Arrested under 66(d)

Naypyidaw based Journalist Maung Maung Tun was released on bail on December 5, following his arrest last month, under Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law. He was accused of writing a 'Letter to the Editor' and making subsequent posts on social media criticizing freelance journalist Zaw Min Aung, who used to work for state-run newspaper, the "Mirror Daily". The case was brought against him on August 17, 2016 by Zaw Min Aug resulting in Maung Maung Tun's arrest on November 29. He criticized an article Zaw Min Aung wrote in July about the Naypyidaw City Development Committee's 100 Day Plan for Myoma Market, accusing him of proliferating false information in his letter to the editor and calling him a "Liar" on social media. He received an interim bail for health reasons on December 5, 2016. His next hearing was scheduled for December 13. At the end of December, AAPP was unable to obtain any further information regarding this trial.

[\(1 December 2016 - Myanmar Times\)](#) [\(6 December 2016 - Eleven Myanmar\)](#) [\(6 December 2016 - DVB/Burmese\)](#)

LEGISLATION AND POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

Parliamentary Commission submitted proposal to amend Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law

The Parliamentary Commission for Assessment of Legal Affairs and Special Cases, headed by former speaker of the Lower House Shwe Mann, submitted a proposal to make amendments to Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law. The Commission is entrusted with the task of assessing existing laws and make appropriate recommendations to the Parliament whenever necessary. In a press conference, he declared that during a meeting with the Myanmar Press Council Vice Chairman Aung Hla Tun, the Commission agreed to also recommend amendments to any other laws meant to oppress the media. On the exact nature of proposed amendments, Shwe Mann said that the Bill would be presented for approval in Parliament before being published for the public to peruse.

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Prison Officials begin Human Rights Training

A program developed in joint consultation by the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) and the Prisons Department is set to begin training 100 senior prison staff. The training program was announced by the MNHRC to mark International Human Rights Day on December 10, saying they had received 495 complaints of human rights abuses since January. The program is said to be aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of improving health and lifestyle conditions for prisoners, and relationships between inmates and prison staff. Deputy Director of the Prisons Department in Naypyidaw, Min Tun Soe, said the two day training began on December 12, involving 50 officials at the Insein Public Servant Training Centre in Rangoon. Training for a further 50 officials is set to take place on December 15 and 16 in Mandalay. Min Tun Soe said "Senior officials from the prisons across Myanmar will be trained first. The lower level staff will in turn be trained by them."

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