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International Women's Day

Today, on International Women's Day, we at the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) remember and honor all the brave women who sacrificed their freedom to fight for democracy, equality, and human rights in Burma. Many have risen to greatness in face of unimaginable adversity, and are fantastic examples of the strength and power inherent in the female, political prisoner or not. Democracy can only be truly achieved when equality is reached, when men and women alike hold the same rights.

Below, AAPP have identified eight high profile cases which we would like to highlight today to demonstrate the courage and determination of female political prisoners. While we are only showcasing eight, the total number of female political prisoners is far greater, each adding momentum to the movement, empowering women in Burma and worldwide, and proving that women are equal to, and as powerful as men. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your resolve, valor and sacrifices for democracy, we could not continue our work without you.

In Solidarity,

Ko Tate Naing
AAPP Secretary

Ko Bo Kyi
AAPP Joint-Secretary



NAME: NAW OHN HLA

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 2007, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014

SECTION OF LAW: Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Association Act; Sections 147, 296, 353 and 505(b) of the Penal Code

STATUS: Leader of the Democracy and Peace Women Network

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 14 years 6 months

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 5 years 5 months.

NAME: DR. DAW MAY WIN MYINT

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 1997

SECTION OF LAW: Section 5(J) of the Emergency Provision Act; Section 10(a) of the State Protection Act

STATUS: Lower House MP

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 14 years

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 11 years.



NAME: DR. DAW SHWE PON

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 1999

SECTION OF LAW: Section 5(J) of the Emergency Provision Act; Section 17/1 of the Unlawful Association Act; Section 17/20 of the Printing and Publishing Law; Section 13/1 of the Immigration Law

STATUS: Lower House MP

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 35 years

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 13 years.



NAME: ZIN MAR AUNG

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 1998

SECTION OF LAW: Section 5(J) of the Emergency Provision Act

STATUS: Upper House MP

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 28 years

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 11 years.



NAME: SU SU NWAY

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 2005, 2007, 2015, 2016

SECTION OF LAW: Section 505(b) of the Penal Code; Section 17/20 of the Printing and Publishing Law; Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Association Act

STATUS: Farmer and Democracy Activist

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 8 years 6 months

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 4 years.



NAME: MA PHYU A.K.A KHIN THANDAR HTUN

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 2015

SECTION OF LAW: Sections 143, 145, 147, 332 and 505(b) of the Penal Code; Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Association Act

STATUS: Human Rights Defenders Myingyan

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: pre-trial detainee, trial outcome: released

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 10 months.





NAME: DAW SANDAR MIN A.K.A SHWEE

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 1989, 1996, 2007

SECTION OF LAW: Section 5(J) of the Emergency Provision Act; Sections 130(b) and 505(b) of the Penal Code; Section 17/20 of the Printing and Publishing Law; Section 17/1 of the Unlawful Association Act; Section 32(b)/36 of the Video Act; Section 33(a) of the Electronic Transaction Act; Section 5/96(4) of the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention Against Disturbances and Oppositions; Section 6 of the Law Relating to the Forming of Organisations; Section 24/1 of the Foreign Currency Act

STATUS: Rangoon Regional Parliament MP

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: 65 years

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 8 years and 8 months.

NAME: PHYU HNIN HTWE

YEAR OF ARREST(S): 2014

SECTION OF LAW: Section 18 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Association Act; Sections 364 and 368 of the Penal Code; Section 512 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

STATUS: Student and Member of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions

CUMULATIVE SENTENCE LENGTH: case dropped

TOTAL TIME SERVED: 1 month.



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