

Lawyer Kyi Myint and Poet Saw Wai held a press conference regarding the arrest warrant against them.

Summary of the Current Situation:

647 individuals are oppressed in Burma due to political activity:

73 political prisoners are serving sentences,

141 are awaiting trial inside prison,

433 are awaiting trial outside prison.



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ACRONYMS

ABFSU	All Burma Federation of Student Unions
CAT	Conservation Alliance Tanawthari
CNPC	China National Petroleum Corporation
EAO	Ethnic Armed Organization
GEF	Global Environment Facility
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
KHRG	Karen Human Rights Group
KIA	Kachin Independence Army
KNU	Karen National Union
MFU	Myanmar Farmers' Union
MNHRC	Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
MOGE	Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
NLD	National League for Democracy
NNC	Naga National Council
PAPPL	Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law
RCSS	Restoration Council of Shan State
RCSS/SSA	Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army – South
SHRF	Shan Human Rights Foundation
TNLA	Ta'ang National Liberation Army
YUSU	Yangon University Students' Union

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Note - Changes have been made to the layout and content of the Chronology. AAPP will no longer cover landmine cases and conflict between ethnic armed groups (EAGs) due to resources; detentions and torture by EAGs will still be covered. Additionally, AAPP will not cover individual protests by land rights, but will provide updates on the arrests of land rights activists.

Political Prisoners

ARRESTS

Two RCSS members arrested in Namhsan

On January 6, the military arrested two members of the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) who attended a public meeting at Nar Bwe Village in Namhsan Township in southern Shan State. According to Lieutenant Sai Oo of the RCSS, the two men were detained after the military checked their phones and discovered photos of the two wearing military uniforms. The Lieutenant stated that it is normal for RCSS members to attend local peace and drugs awareness campaigns, and that it is unacceptable for the military to restrict their freedom of movement with this kind of public arrest. The RCSS will submit a letter to the military requesting the release of their two members. Sai Kyaw Nyunt, general secretary 1 of the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, suggests the lack of clear boundaries between the territory of ethnic armed groups and the military may have caused this clash.

CHARGES

Seven Peacock Generation Thangyat Troupe Prosecuted Section 66(d) of the Telecommunication Law

At the court hearing of January 27, the Botataung Township Court prosecuted seven members of the Peacock Generation Thangyat Troupe Group on violation of Section 66(d) of the Telecommunication Law. These seven members are Zayyar Lwin, Paing Phyto Min a.k.a D Yay, Paing Ye Thu, Zaw Linn Htut a.k.a Phoe Thar, Nyein Chan Soe, Kay Khine Tun and Su Yadana Myint. Nyein Chan Soe said they would continue to boycott the court and did not answer any questions as they did not trust the court's decision. The military was the plaintiff and charged them at the Botataung Township Court and Mayangone Township Court for participating in a performance that criticized the military.

SENTENCES

Court Fines Labor Activist In Mandalay For Illegal Assembly

A township court imposed a 10,000 kyat (US\$7 dollars) fine against a labor leader for staging protests over a year ago on January 7. Pyigyitagun Township Court found Tint Shein Soe, secretary of Myanmar Industries Craft and Services Trade Unions Federation, guilty of violating the country's Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law. Tint Shein Soe is accused, together with some colleagues, of participating in a protest in Pyigyitagun on December 9, 2018, that demanded the appointment of Mandalay Region's labor minister and an end to job cuts, among other topics. The court has stated that if Tint Shein Soe cannot pay

the fine, he will be jailed for seven days. Furthermore, the court is still hearing the cases of the other accused in this case.

Kachin Literature and Culture Association Chair sentenced under PAPPL

The chair of Kachin Literature and Culture Association was sentenced under section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law for jointly organizing a protest on the 72nd Kachin State Day Celebrations on January 8th and using Kachin language signs, instead of Burmese. Zop Dot Sawm Naw was fined 30,000 kyat on Friday 18th January at Myitkyina Township Court.

ABFSU Member Wai Yan Phy Moe Sentenced to 15 Days Imprisonment

On January 7, Wai Yan Phy Moe, the Vice Chairman of the All Burma Federation Student Unions (ABFSU), was charged under Section 19 of Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Processing Law, and sentenced to 15 days imprisonment by the Kyauktada Township court. Police complained that Wai Yan Phy Moe did not ask for permission an anti-fascist protest in July 2019, and a strike against Fu Yuen Germant Factory, and thus he was sued under Section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Processing Law.

Wai Yan Phy Moe has been facing trial for one month in Insein prison, and he was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment with allowance to withdraw his detention for only the Fu Yuen Garment Factory Workers Strike. Therefore, he will be jailed for anti-fascist activity.

Former ABFSU Student Ye Yint Kyaw Sentenced to Three Months Imprisonment

On January 9, Ye Yint Kyaw, Former Student of the All Burma Federation Student Unions (ABFSU), was sentenced to three months of imprisonment with allowance to withdraw his detention by Aungmyethazan Township Court in Mandalay Division. In May 2018, Ye Yint Kyaw, Than Htike (former member of the central ABFSU committee) and Hnin Aung (ABFSU) held a candlelight ceremony to stop military offensives, conflict, and for the immediate release of trapped civilians in ethnic areas in Mandalay. For those reasons, they were charged under section 19 of Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Processing Law. Ye Yint Kyaw was arrested by police at a tea shop in Mahar Aungmyay in November 2019.

Farmer Leader Sentenced To One Year Imprisonment For Taking Photos Of A Hundred Household Administrator

On January 9, Maubin Township Court in Irrawaddy Region sentenced Nyein Maung, a farmer leader to one year in prison for taking photos of a hundred household administrators in Palaung village, Maubin Township. In December 2018, a group of the hundred household administrators announced using an amplified that all farmers cultivating on 550 acres of vacant and virgin lands in Palaung village, have to be removed. During the announcement, a farmer leader Nyein Maung took photos of Maung Yin Htwe, the hundred household administrator, thus Nyein Maung was charged under section 10 of the Law Protecting the Privacy and Security of Citizens. After a year-long hearing of the case, Nyein Maung was sentenced to one year imprisonment.

Court Fined Writer Mann a.k.a Taung Lone Pyan

On January 23, Myeik Township Court in Tanintharyi Region fined writer Mann (Taung Lone Pyan) to pay 30,000 kyat under Section 500 of the Penal Code. Writer Mann delivered a speech to amend the 2008 Constitution on May 9 2019. Afterwards, Coastal Region Command charged him at the Myeik Township Court on June 6 2019 for damaging the dignity of the military and country by his speech.

TRIALS

Myanmar Court Seeks Arrest of Lawyer and Poet in Military's Lawsuit

A court in Tanintharyi Region issued warrants on January 20 for the arrest of lawyer Kyi Myint and poet Saw Wai for failing to appear in court for a case over their remarks on Burma's constitutional amendment process. In November 2019, the military filed a case in Tanintharyi's Kawthaung Township against both men, together with former army captain and activist Nay Myo Zin, for remarks they made in April 2019 about charter amendment, suing them under Section 505 of the Penal Code for allegedly defaming the military and military leadership.

The Kawthaung Township Court began hearings in the case on January 20 after sending summons letters to the defendants. Only Nay Myo Zin, who is already serving a one-year prison term in Insein prison on the same charge from another military lawsuit, appeared in court. Poet Saw Wai, a former political prisoner, stated on January 23 that the court's decision to issue an arrest warrant was illegal and that he did not receive any legal summons letter. Lawyer Kyi Myint said that he did not attend the hearing because the police have not conducted a proper investigation into the case, as required under Criminal Procedure Code Section 202. However, he has stated that he will appear for the next hearing, scheduled for February 3, 2020.

Former Captain Nay Myo Zin Appeared Before The Court

On January 20, former military captain Nay Myo Zin, who has been charged under Section 505(a) of the Penal Code, appeared before the Kawthaung Township Court at the Kawthaung Township in Tanintharyi Region for the first time. When the case was testified, the plaintiff, second lieutenant Zaw Zaw from Kamautgyi cantonment, Kawthaung Township, did not present at the court, and another major came on behalf of Zaw Zaw. As a result, Nay Myo Zin submitted an appeal to the court to dismiss the case under Section 259 of the Penal Code, said lawyer Sa Kywe Win, who is handling the case.

The Kawthaung Township Court accepted the military's case on October 31 and charged well-known activists lawyer U Kyi Myin, former Myanmar army Captain Nay Myo Zin and poet Saw Wai for remarks they made at a public gathering in Kawthaung Township, Tanintharyi Region, in April 2019 in support of the Parliament's charter amendment committee. On November 3, 2019, the military opened a case against the three political activists under section 505 (a) of Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Processing Act for not only a violation of the 2008 Constitution but it also runs the risk of damaging the dignity of the Tatmadaw and the country.

On January 20, Nay Myo Zin, appeared before the Kawthaung Township Court to face charges under violation of Section 505(a) of the Penal Code. The former military captain was tried on accusations of receiving a T-shirt and key-ring with an image of Aung San Suu Kyi's image emblazoned on them during the nine months he spent in detention prior to his release earlier this month. Judges will pass a verdict by February 1, which could result in either six months in prison or a fine.

DISAPPEARANCES

Four Alakappa Villagers Still Missing after Eight Months

Four locals from Alakappa village in Myinmu Township went missing in May of 2019, and still there is no word or news on their whereabouts. All four worked as broken phone buyers in the Sagaing division. Eight months ago, they went to Mrauk-U Township in northern Arakan State to buy broken phones, and old currency and their families haven't heard from them since. The missing individuals include Kaung Htet, Thein Than Soe, Than Hitke Soe, and Kyaw Swar Thein.

RELEASES

Sittwe court discharges four men facing Counter-Terrorism Law charges

A district court in Sittwe has discharged four detained residents of Mrauk-U and Minbya townships in Arakan State who had faced charges under the Counter-Terrorism Law. The four residents — Kyaw Aye Maung and Oo Khin Maung from Myo Chaung village in Mrauk-U Township, and Maung Myint Hlaing and Soe Win Naing from Pan Myaung village in Minbya Township — were arrested on March 19, 2019, by a Tatmadaw column on suspicion of having links to the Arakan Army.

Soe Win Naing had been charged under sections 50(a) and 54 of the Counter-Terrorism Law while the remaining were sued under sections 50(a) and 52(a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law by Captain Htein Lin Maw from the Tatmadaw's Minbya-based Light Infantry Battalion 380. They were discharged after being held in detention for nearly 10 months. According to the prosecution witness's testimony, the accused were found not guilty. Therefore, under the Criminal Procedure Code 253, the accused have been freed.

13 Rakhine villagers released after 11 months detention

On 24 January, Sittwe Township Court released unconditionally, after 11 months in detention in Sittwe prison, 13 Rakhine villagers, including one woman identified as Hla Hla Yee, from Paletwa Township of Southern Chin State as there was no substantial evidence that proved the villagers' linkage to Arakan Army. On February 4, 2019, the Army arrested a total of 26 villagers from Kyauk Taw Town at Hla Hla Yee's house, located in the downtown area of Kyauk Taw. Hla Hla Yee, together with her husband U Thein Soe, were also arrested for providing shelter to the 26 villagers without the prior permission. Later 13, including Hla Hla Yee, were released but the rest were charged by the army under the Unlawful Associations Act 17 (A) as they were suspected to have ties with Arakan Army.

12 Civilians Accused of AA Members Released

On January 8, Sittwe District Court in Arakan State released 12 civilians of Kyaung Taung Village in Mrauk-U Township, for having no solid evidence against them. 12 civilians were arrested by Khun Thar, lieutenant colonel of #81 ward light infantry battalion while they were taking a malaria patient named Hla Maung Win a.k.a Nyi Pu Chay to Mrauk-U hospital and he died when under arrest. Then, 12 of them were charged under Section 50 (j), 52 (a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law by police.

Court Discharged Civilian Before Prosecution

On January 22, Sittwe District Court in Arakan State released Maung San Thein a.k.a O Phauk from Angumaw Village, Rathedaung Township, Arakan State, who was not found guilty before charges were filed. After the mine explosion, the military came to the house of Maung San Thein a.k.a O Phauk for investigation on September 23, 2019, and he was arrested on a search of homemade bomb in his house. Afterwards, Chief Police of Angumaw sued him under section 50 (a), 51(c) 52 (a) of the Counter-Terrorism Law.

CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT

Vocational Training Provided in Obo Prison in February

As the vocational school in Obo Prison in Mandalay has been constructed, the training will be provided in February. According to Cho Win Tun, the head of the Obo Prison, the training school was funded by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and it is aimed to provide vocational training for young prisoners. Prisoners who will be released soon will be given priority for the training in technical and electrical skills.

More than 170 Inmates Take Matriculation Exam in 2020

There are more than 170 inmates across the country who will take the matriculation exam this year, according to the statistics of the correctional department. In Rangoon's Insein prison, the maximum number of students to take the matriculation exam is 76 men and five women, said Min Tun Soe, the spokesman of the correction department. Prisoned University students and teachers teach the prisoners in prison from Monday to Friday and external volunteer teachers teach them Saturday and Sunday.

Man Dies During Torture from Dabayin Township Police

A man has died after being tortured in police custody. Thein Win was being held at Saipyin Police Station in Dabayin Township, Sagaing Region. He had been arrested at a festival on December 28, along with three other men who were released the following morning. On December 29, the police sent Thein Win to Saipyin hospital, but according to a doctor, he had died prior to arriving at the hospital.

Arrests by Ethnic Armed Forces

Arakan Army abducts more than 130 villagers in Paletwa Township

The Arakan Army (AA) abducted more than 100 villagers from Kyi Lay village in Paletwa Township of Chin State, according to Saw Mya from the Khumi Affairs Coordination Council (KACC). Former Chin State Minister, Salai Isaac Khen, reported this number as more than 130. The armed group committed sexual violence against young female villagers and tortured the elderly villagers who tried to stop them. Villagers were forced to transport rations to a nearby AA camp north of the village in the forest, and were otherwise forcibly restricted from leaving the village. At least two villagers and one teacher from Siphalong have died. The KACC condemns these acts of violence and urges officials to take stern action against the perpetrators.

RELEASES BY ETHNIC ARMED GROUPS

AA releases 16 captive govt bus drivers

On January 1, the Arakan Army (AA) released 16 Transport Ministry staff it abducted from a ferry, identified as Aung Tagon 7 vessel, in Sittwe heading to Buthidaung on December 31, 2019. The AA handed over the abductees to administrators and community elders in the village of Thay Kan in Buthidaung Township after determining they had no ties to the military. The 16 civil servants are drivers working for government-led rehabilitation programs in Maungdaw. The men were to drive 20 vehicles for the Maungdaw reception centre for returning refugees.

The Road Transport Administration Department under the Ministry of Transport and Communications is set to launch an inquiry into the incident. Zaw Tun Oo stated on January 10 that a petition against a probe of the drivers in connection with the case will be submitted to the State Counsellor. The Transport Ministry informed the drivers of the impending inquiry on January 7, saying a committee would be set up to investigate the drivers' alleged refusal to report to their respective assigned areas. Furthermore, Zaw Tun Oo said the drivers were likely to be demoted or dismissed from their jobs.

Arakan Army Releases Detained Chin Lawmaker Amid Hostilities in Arakan State

On January 21, the Arakan Army (AA) released a local ruling party lawmaker it has abducted November 3, 2019, saying it freed him as a goodwill gesture amid ongoing fighting between the ethnic army and government forces in northern Rakhine state in order to build mutual trust and understanding.

Chin state lawmaker Whei Tin, a member of the ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) party, was detained on November 3, 2019, because the AA believed he was a military informant who had helped soldiers arrest ethnic Rakhines in Chin's Paletwa Township. Former Chin State Minister, Salai Issac Khin, confirmed that Whay Tin had returned to his family on the morning of January 21 and is in good condition.

NLD spokesman, Monywa Aung Shin, welcomed Whay Tin's release and encouraged the AA to free other detainees. The AA has offered a prisoner-of-war swap with Burmese forces in exchange for the release of people detained by the military for alleged ties to the AA, but the army has declined.

Two of three abducted Kyaukphyu road workers released

Two out of three road workers from Kyaukphyu, Arakan State, who were abducted on December 26, 2019, were released by their captors and returned home on the morning of January 12. On the day of the abduction, the three men – road contractor Soe Nyein, backhoe owner Maung Poe Khin and backhoe driver Maung Yan Naing from Kyauk Kalay village – were repairing a road when they were detained at the base of Baw Lan Mountain, between Mu Yin and Zin Chaung villages.

The three men were abducted by four men in a car, according to Aung Thuya, son of Soe Nyein. After a one-hour drive, followed by a walk, they were put on a boat. After being detained for 20 days, Maung Poe Khin and Maung Yan Naing were put back on the boat and released near Lone Taw Pauk village, located between Sane and Ma Ei. Both have said they did not know anything about Soe Nyein, but he is thought to remain captive. Both men do not know who their abductors were. The Arakan Army denied any participation or knowledge of the abductions.

Two Mytel employees released by AA

Arakan Army (AA) released two Mytel employees on January 29 after being abducted on December 23, 2019, while driving at night. According to Khang Thuka, the spokesperson of AA, Mytel deputy managing director, Zaw Tun Aung, and his driver, Soe Thein Maung, were released at Manaw Thiri village in Pauk Taw township, which is a few miles away from Sittwe. Furthermore, AA leaders released two Army corporals, identified as Maung Htwe and U Zaw Zaw, on January 28 at Paletwa Township of Chin State.

Restrictions on Civil and Political Rights

AA denies involment with murder of three villagers in Paletwa

A school principal and two villagers who had gone missing in southern Chin State's Paletwa Township were found dead on January 10 between the villages of Inn-Hko-Wa and Sein Sin. Abyayla, the principal of the primary school in the village of Sihpalaung, and Kyaw Than Win and Hla Thein from the community of Kyet-Ou-Wa, had disappeared on January 7. It is unknown which group or individuals committed the crime.

On January 10, the Khumi Affairs Coordination Committee (KACC) said that the three men are believed to have been arrested by the Arakan Army (AA). On January 12, the AA released a statement denying responsibility and accusing the military of being responsible and of pretending to be AA members and committing crimes against the locals. The group also explained that the area is controlled by the Light Infantry Battalion 289 and that AA cannot enter the area. The same day, the military responded that the three men were killed by the AA.

Burma Army denies alleged torture of woman in Ann Township

A woman, identified as Ma Hla, from Kha MOUNG Taw village in Ann Township in Arakan State has been hospitalized after allegedly being tortured by the army, according to Tin Tun, the victim's husband. He said Burma army soldiers poured scalding water on his wife and cut her legs with a knife. On January 4, a army regiment arrived at the couple's home in search of Tin Tun, who they suspect of having ties to the Arakan Army (AA). When they were not able to find Tin Tun, they instead took Ma Hla and tortured her. He also

accused army personnel of taking 3 million kyat (US\$ 2,000) in cash, clothing worth around 1 million kyat (US\$ 667), rice and other items from his home.

The army's Western Command denied that there was any misconduct by soldiers. However, it was acknowledged that its troops were involved in "law enforcement activities" in the Kha MOUNG Taw village on January 9. The army's security personnel, raided the house of U Tin Tun and allegedly discovered seven detonators, 30 lengths of black piping and one pair of military trousers.

Villagers forced to work as route guide by security forces

16 villagers from Mae Lamong village under Ann Township in Arakan State were forced to work as guides in frontline areas by the security force as a column of army marched towards the military station located in the jungle.

On January 11 at 6 p.m., a Burma army column arrived at Mae Lamong and stayed the night there. Next morning, the security forces asked the villagers to assemble in a specified place and selected 16 villagers to accompany the army column to guide them through the jungle. Once arrived at their temporary camp, 10 villagers were allowed to come home and, later, another four were set free, including Nyi Nyi. He stated that two villagers, Khin Maung Myint and Aung Pwin, alias Nga Aung, remained in custody.

AA Soldiers Beat Civilians After Attempted Rape in Myanmar's Chin State

Arakan Army (AA) fighters reportedly beat community elders and attempted to rape an ethnic Khumi woman, daughter of a military informant, in Chin State's Paletwa Township on January 8 according to the Khumi Affairs Coordination Council (KACC). On January 10, the Council also accused the group of kidnapping and killing of an ethnic Chin teacher and two ethnic Rakhine residents from Se Pha Laung village on January 7.

On January 10, the council reported the attack in Paletwa's Kye Lei Village in a statement released. It mentioned that the AA also kept many of the young people from the village away from the incident, leaving them out in the sun by the Kaladan River as a form of punishment. On January 12, the AA denied the sexual assault but confessed to beating some residents and promised to take action against the soldiers involved.

Myanmar Activists Refused Yangon Embassy Protest During Xi Visit

Amid the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Burma, the Rangoon authorities refused to allow a protest at the Chinese Embassy on January 18 stating it "might harm bilateral relations", according to event organizer Aung Soe.

The purpose for the protest was to urge Xi to terminate the Myitsone Dam project, to protect the environment and to have full transparency in investment and other projects. Also, to see benefits to residents from investment and projects, an end to illegal Chinese migration and more cultural understanding from Chinese tourists and business owners to avoid misunderstandings. The original plan was to give the Chinese President a letter after the event. Instead the gathering was held on January 18 in front of City Hall. However, only four organizers were given permission to walk to the embassy to hand over the letter.

Final appeal for Arakanese politician Aye Maung and writer rejected by top court

The Union Supreme Court has rejected a final special appeal for Arakanese politician Dr. Aye Maung and writer Wai Hun Aung, who were sentenced on March 9, 2019, to 20 years in prison for high treason and

incitement by the Sittwe District Court. Both were arrested after giving talks at a public event in Rathedaung Township in Arakan state in 2018 to mark the fall of the Arakanese Kingdom to the Konbaung Dynasty.

The two men submitted several appeals to higher-level courts following their initial convictions; but all have been denied, with the latest rejection handed down by the Union Supreme Court in Naypyidaw on January 24. Dr. Aye Maung, a former MP himself and the founder of the Arakan Front Party (AFP), and Wai Hun Aung still have a chance to submit a petition to the President, but according to Wai Hun Aung's brother, that is not an option that the author intends to pursue.

AA denies Burma army's claim that abducted the driver in Ann Township

The Arakan Army (AA) has denied the army's accusation that they set fire to a Hyundai vehicle and abducted the driver, Wai Paing Maing from Shwe Kant Kaw bus line, near Mae Let Maung village along the Ann-Sittwe road on January 20 around 9 p.m. However, AA spokesperson, Khaing Thukha, said the accusation was false and that AA troops were not in the area where the incident occurred.

A Young Man Escaped after arrested By Five Unidentified Men

On January 9, a young man was arrested by five unknown men in Myebon Town, Arakan State. The young man is Chit Naing Soe who lives in the ward of Kan Thar. While he was walking on the street, a car stopped and two men from the car closed his mouth, then they carried him to the car. They told Chit Naing Soe that they would kill him if he was a member of the Arakan Army (AA). When one of the unknown men got out of the car, he escaped from the car, Chit Naing Soe said. They also arrested another young man in the car with his hands tied, Chit Naing Soe added.

Arakan Army accused of Killing Vendors in Arakan State

Military accused Arakan Army (AA) of torturing and killing three vendors, Myo Htike Win, Yarzar Tun and Soe Naing a.k.a Ko Yin Gyi from Ponnakar village, Ye-U Township, ShweBo District, Sagaing Region. However, AA denied that they did not kill the vendors. The three vendors rented at the house of Aung Tun Kyaw in Mrauk-U Township, Arakan State, and Myo Htike Win, one of the vendors, went missing when he went for selling on February 18, 2019. Not long after that, the other two vendors also became lost while searching for Myo Htike Win.

Demonstration to immediate Release of Political Prisoners

On January 25, a total of 50 former political prisoners and activists staged a protest march to immediate release of political prisoners and to amend the outdated prison law. Protesters said they will wait for their demand to release the political prisoners in January. If the government fail to address this issue, they will stage a protest again.

Six Youths from Mrauk-U Township Released After Five Hours Investigation

On January 30, six youths, living in Zee Pin Gyi Village, Mrauk-U Township, Arakan State, were released by the military after five hours investigation at the military checkpoint at the Kyauktaw Township. They were arrested on the way to Rangoon to work from Zee Pin Gyi Village, Mrauk-U Township. They are Htay Win, Sein Tun Hla, Maung Maung Win, Nyein Nyein San, Han Tun Aye and Aung Min Soe. They were asked in relation to the Arakan Army (AA) and they denied. Htay Win said they were released as the Zee Pin Gyi Village Administrator gave the grantee for them.

Youth hospitalized after torture during army interrogation

A 21 years old young man from Kam Hton Gyi sub-town under Meabon township was hospitalized with injuries after the security forces released him. Ko Gyi was initially admitted at Kam Thon Gyi circuit hospital as he was bleeding through his nose informed his colleague Ko Aung Win Myint. Both the young men were arrested by a column of Myanmar Army while they were returning back to their native place from Sa Nyin IDP camp on a motorbike at around 6 pm on 29 January. Ko Gyi was tortured during the interrogation. By 11 pm, we were released and returned home. Soon Ko Gyi was hospitalized,” added Ko Aung Win Myint. As Ko Gyi was not keeping well even after preliminary medications, he was shifted to Sittwe general hospital on 31 January.

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