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FREE BURMA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!

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June 1st, 2009

Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

On behalf of the Free Burma's Political Prisoners Now! campaign committee, we are writing to request a private meeting with you.

For the past ten weeks we have led the Free Burma's Political Prisoners Now! campaign, together with our colleagues from the democracy movement in exile along the Thai-Burma border. This campaign is on behalf of our 2,100 brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues who are in prison now for their peaceful pro-democracy work inside Burma. A consortium of over 200 Burma exile and solidarity groups have cooperated on this campaign. We have collected over 650,000 signatures from people in 220 different countries and territories, in just ten weeks. The world's citizens care passionately about Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all of Burma's political prisoners.

We would very much like to meet with you in person, as a small delegation of six people representing family members of political prisoners in prison and activists from the democracy movement. Please find enclosed letters from family members who wish to be part of the delegation. We want to personally hand over the petition signatures to you, as soon as possible.

The situation for political prisoners in Burma is deteriorating every day. Since October last year, more than 350 have been sentenced to harsh sentences of up to 104 years. More than two hundred have been transferred to remote prisons all around the country, far from their families. Many of them are in bad health and require urgent medical treatment. The release of political prisoners is the essential first step towards democratization in our country. As long as they are in prison, there can be no national reconciliation in Burma.

We very much hope that you will agree to a private meeting with us to accept the petition signatures on behalf of all the political prisoners and their families in Burma. We would like to propose 19 June for this meeting, the date of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's birthday. If this date is not convenient, we hope you will meet with us before your forthcoming visit to our country.

Thank you very much in advance for considering our request.

Yours sincerely,

Tate Naing
Former political prisoner and Secretary
Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma)

Khin Ohmar
Foreign Affairs Secretary
Forum for Democracy in Burma



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Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

Minglabar! My name is Wai Hnin Pwint Thon, and my father is a leading Burmese human rights activist, Mya Aye, who is currently serving a 65-year sentence in one of Burma's most remote prisons.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to explain in person what life is like for family members of political prisoners in Burma, and also to present you with a petition signed by hundreds of thousands of people around the world, asking you to secure the release of all of Burma's political prisoners. We have already appealed directly to the State Peace and Development Council many times, but to no avail. So we are placing our trust in you, in the hope that you can lead the UN to intervene and secure their release.

My father has been a long-time activist in our country's struggle for freedom and democracy. He started his activism in 1988 during the nationwide pro-democracy movement. He stood up for the freedom of the people of Burma. He was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment when I was only five months old. I knew him as my father because my mother showed me his photograph and explained to me that he is my father. The first meeting with him was in Insein Prison and there were iron bars between us. I did not have a chance to receive any hugs and cuddles from my father.

Once he was released from prison in 1996, he carried on campaigning for freedom and democracy. In 2005, he co-founded the 88 Generation Students group together with Min Ko Naing and other former student leaders from the 1988 pro-democracy movement, and carried on with his commitment to our country. My father and his friends from the 88 Generation Students group believe that every single person in the world deserves freedom, human rights and democracy. Although he was released from prison then, I always knew that the military intelligence would come and take him away again.

Our life together was always filled with fun and laughter. I am twenty years old now but I've only had nine years of living with my father. I miss him very much. And I am very proud of my father. He has made so many sacrifices to bring democracy to our country, and to help people who are suffering. At the same time, I am very worried about him because he suffers from a heart condition and gastric problems. Now he is badly treated in Loikaw Prison, because he has had no medical treatment and there is no doctor at the prison.

I am very worried that my father will die in prison and I will never see him again. My family is not the only family suffering in this way. My father is one of over 2,100 political prisoners in jails all over Burma. Many of them are in bad health and require urgent medical treatment. They

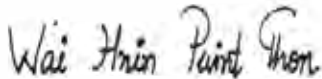
are our heroes. Our hopes and faith in the democracy movement lie with them. Without your help and support, these precious people will die in Burma's notorious prisons.

I very much hope that you will agree to a private meeting with me to accept the petition signatures of more than 650,000 global citizens on behalf of all the political prisoners and their families in Burma, collected by more than 200 Burma exile and solidarity groups in 220 countries and territories calling for the release of all political prisoners in Burma.

I would like to propose 19 June for this meeting, the date of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's birthday, which is very meaningful for the families of political prisoners and the people of Burma. If this date is not convenient, we hope you will meet with us before your forthcoming visit to our country.

Thank you very much in advance for considering my request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wai Hnin Pwint Thon".

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Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

I would like to say the Burmese greeting "Minglabar" to you. My name is Nyi Nyi Aung, and my family has been involved in ending the military regime and calling for democracy and human rights in Burma since 1988. I left Burma after the 1988 uprising and currently reside in the United States of America.

My mother Daw Sann Sann Tin, aged 60, is in Meikhtila prison in Mandalay division. She was sentenced to nine years imprisonment in November 2008. Also imprisoned are two of my cousins, Thet Thet Aung, aged 32, a leading woman activist and Nwe Hnin Yee (aka) Noe Noe, aged 21, a student activist.

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My mother has been assisting democracy and human rights activists since 1988 and has been arrested several times by the regime. Her "crime" is helping activists who sacrifice their lives for the people of Burma and risk everything they have to create a better future for our country. I am really worried and concerned about the health of my mother and cousins, who suffer from medical problems. My mother has tumor on her neck and is due for an operation. In addition, she also suffers from gastritis and allergies. She has not received any medical check-up or treatment for her health problems.

My cousin Thet Thet Aung is a leading woman activist. She was sentenced to 65 years imprisonment for her involvement in the Saffron Revolution as a young member of the 88 Generation Students movement. She has to serve her sentence in the remote Myingyan prison, 396 miles away from Rangoon. She suffers from hypertension and rheumatoid arthritis. Again, she is not receiving any medical treatment and we are worried her health is deteriorating. Her husband Chit Ko Lin, also a member of the 88 Generation Students group, was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment and sent to Pakokku prison in Magwe division.

My cousin Noe Noe was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment in 2008 for expressing her beliefs about freedom and democracy, and she has been sent to Irrawaddy Division's Ma-ubin prison to serve her sentence. She was born just a few months before the 8.8.88 People's Uprising in which as many as 3000 protestors were killed by the military regime.

My aunt, Daw Suu Suu Kyi, Thet Thet Aung's mother, told me that she also did what she could do to support our goal of a "Free Burma." My aunt was also taken by the military authorities for three weeks, and was interrogated. She was later released, and now she is the one who visits four family members in different prisons in Burma on a monthly basis. Thet Thet Aung and Chit Ko Lin have three children. As they are both in prison, my aunt is now taking care of her three grand-children, one of whom is a toddler.

My family is not the only family suffering in this way. My mother and two of my cousins are merely three of over 2,100 political prisoners in jails all over Burma. Many of them are in bad health and require urgent medical treatment. They are our heroes; our hope and faith in the democracy movement lies with them. Without your help and support these precious people will die in Burma's notorious prisons.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nyi Nyi Aung", written over a light-colored rectangular stamp or background.

Nyi Nyi Aung