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WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BURMA

**Letter to the ASEAN to Urge the Myanmar Military Immediately and Unconditionally
Release Thin Thin Aung & All Women Human Rights Defenders in Burma/Myanmar**

Date - May 5, 2021

We, undersigned individuals and organizations, write to call on the ASEAN to urge the Myanmar military immediately and unconditionally release Thin Thin Aung, a friend of India & all women Human Rights defenders in Burma/Myanmar.

On 8 April 2021, leading women's rights advocate, Thin Thin Aung was arrested and taken away in Yangon by plainclothes members of the the Myanmar military. She was in critical health conditions at the time of her arrest. We have not seen her since then.

Thin Thin Aung is a founding sister of the Women's League of Burma & the founder of Women for Justice, formerly known as Women's Rights & Welfare Association of Burma. She is co-founder of Mizzima News, an independent media organization founded in exile in 1998 and which was the first exile media to move back inside Burma/Myanmar, after the country opened up to democratic change in 2011.

In 2014, Thin Thin Aung founded along with a range of organisations and networks focusing on women's rights, gender justice and the peace process, the Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process (AGIPP).in these roles she has contributed immeasurably to the realization of women's human rights.

Thin Thin Aung has dedicated her life to the fight for peace, equality, democracy & human rights in Burma/Myanmar since she became involved as a young student in the 1988 uprising.

She has spent innumerable hours advocating locally and internationally for justice for survivors of gender-based violence and gender equality in Burma/Myanmar. She has built systems for advocacy and engagement that have resulted in improvements for women, and worked in solidarity & sisterhood with others throughout the region.

Signed:

Orgnaizations

1. Arakan CSO Network
2. All Arakan Students' and Youths' Congress
3. Freedom and Labor Action Group
4. Global Justice Center
5. Human Rights Foundation of Monland
6. International Women's Development Agency
7. Keng Tung Youth
8. Let's Help Each Other
9. Maramagri Youth Network
10. Myanmar People Alliance (Shan State)
11. Network for Human Rights Documentation (ND-Burma)
12. Progressive Voice
13. Shan MATA
14. Synergy Social Harmony Organization
15. Union of Karenni State Youth
16. All Young Burmese League
17. ALTSEAN-Burma
18. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
19. Australian Karen Organisation Inc
20. Burma Rohingya Organisation UK
21. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
22. Do Bold
23. Empower Foundation Thailand
24. Free Burma Campaign (South Africa)
25. Gender and Development Advocates (GANDA) Filipinas
26. Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict-Southeast Asia (GPPAC-SEA)
27. Global Women's Strike, UK
28. Global Justice Center
29. iLaw (Thailand)
30. Incorporated Organization Silcheon Bulgyo
31. Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)
32. International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific
33. International Women's Development Agency
34. Legal Action for Women
35. MAP Foundation
36. Myanmar Queer Straight Alliance
37. North South Initiative
38. People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)
39. Protection International
40. Swedish Burma Committee
41. U.S. Campaign for Burma
42. Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA
43. Women of Color/ Global Women's Strike
44. SILAKA
45. Gender Equality Network
46. Women's Organizations Network
47. Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the peace process

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