


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:	5		
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Kyaw Min Yu ကျော်မင်းယု		
GENDER:	Male	Ethnicity: Shan/Chinese	
DATE OF BIRTH:	17 February 1969	Age: 39	
RELIGION:	Buddhist		
PARENTS NAME:	Kyaw Min Yu and Daw Aun Nyant		
EDUCATION:	Bachelor of Science in Rangoon University		
OCCUPATION:	Leader of General Students Group and Former Political Prisoner		
LAST ADDRESS:	Yangon Township, Rangoon		
ARREST DATE:	22 August 2011	PHOTO DATE: August 2011	
SECTION OF LAW:	Pen Code 596		
SENTENCING HISTORY:	Under trial		
COURT HEARING:	In prison		
NAME OF PRISON:	In prison		
RELEASE DATE:			
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:			
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:	Kyaw Min Yu is currently detained in Insein Prison, Ce Boc No. 1. He has been there since 17th February 2011.		

CAREER BACKGROUND:

Kyaw Min Yu is the second son of three siblings. When he was young, he studied from primary to middle school at a state school in Shan State. In 1985 he passed high school exam (No. 2) at the state

In 1991 a delegation from Amnesty International came to inspect Insein Prison. At that time Kyaw Min Yu and some political prisoners tried to speak to the delegation about the dire situation of political prisoners, using connections outside the prison. In 1994 he was moved from Insein to Tharyawaddy prison. In 1995 he was taken from Tharyawaddy prison back to Insein prison by Military Intelligence and warders, in handcuffs using a public bus. After arriving back at Insein prison, on March 28th 1996 judge Kyaw Tun from the Northern District Court added another 12 years to his sentence, with hard labour, in Insein prison special court, due to his contact with the United Nations and his previous activities. After the extension of his sentence, he was sent back to Tharyawaddy prison again, with two security guards again using a public bus.

He should have been released long before he was, as he received two sentence reductions under the SPDC's prison policy. Although already having served his prison term, he was only released from Tharyawaddy prison on 6th July 2005.

Jimmy was very active in the White Sunday Campaign led by the 88 Generation students starting from mid-2006, then the signature campaign, following the arrest of 5 of the top leaders of the group in September 2006. The signature campaign gathered 535,580 signatures in protest of the student leader's arrest. He went on to help organize the Open Heart Campaign of letter writing to the junta, expressing the people's suffering from January 2007.

In August 2007 following a overnight fuel price hike by the regime he went out onto the streets together with other members of 88 Generation and opposition groups, leading students and members of the general public in peaceful walking protests against the regime's economic mismanagement and the failing standards of living and society. His wife, Nilar Thein, another leading member of the 88 Generation Students Group also led and took part in the protests. All of these campaigns were carried out in cooperation with, and supported by many other opposition organizations.

ARREST DETAILS:

On 21st-22nd August 2007 Jimmy was arrested in a late-night/ early morning raid on his home, as were many other leaders and prominent members of the 88 Generation Students Group, including Min Ko Naing, Pyone Cho, Min Zeya, Mya Aye, Ko Ko Gyi, Ko Zeya, Kyaw Kyaw Htwe, Arnt Bwe Kyaw, Panneik Tun, Zaw Zaw Min, Thet Zaw and Nyan Lin Tun. They were all taken to the Kyaikkssan Ground Detention Centre in Tamwe Township, Rangoon. Their mobile phones were confiscated and their houses were searched without a warrant. These arrests came two days after the above activists led more than 400 people in a protest against a sudden hike in fuel prices in Rangoon.

Jimmy left behind him a four month old daughter and wife, Nilar Thein, also a Former Political Prisoner and leader of the 88 Generation Student Group. In the days following his arrest, Nilar, in a truly courageous act, stood in his place leading the protests. She has so far avoided arrest, but due to having to live in hiding has not yet been reunited with her daughter.

DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

By Min Yu's charge with 1962 Printers and Publishers Act 1962 to Insein prison court on 28th March 1996, the charge was changed from 1962 to charges under the Penal Code 596. He's still serving sentence.

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