



# FREE BURMA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

**What:** Speakers on the panel will announce the petition results of the Free Burma's Political Prisoners Now! campaign. There will also be analysis of the latest developments in the trial of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and an update on the current situation facing political prisoners in Burma.

**When:** 10 am Tuesday 26 May 2009

**Where:** **The Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand**

The Penthouse, Maneeya Center

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**Speakers:** **Mr. Bo Kyi**, campaign spokesperson and former political prisoner  
**Ms. Khin Ohmar**, campaign spokesperson  
**Mr. Win Hlaing**, 1990 elected Member of Parliament for Tatkon 2 constituency, Mandalay Division and former political prisoner  
**Mr. Weerawit Weeraworawit**, Deputy Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

Since 13 March, Burma's Human Rights Day, over 200 Burma exile and solidarity groups in 32 different countries have been collecting petition signatures as part of the Free Burma's Political Prisoners Now! campaign. The petition calls on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to make it his personal priority to secure the release of all political prisoners in Burma, as the essential first step towards democracy in the country. Representatives from the Campaign Committee will announce the results of the petition.

Speakers on the panel will also give an update and analysis of the latest developments in the trial of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, her two party members Daw Khin Khin Win, Daw Win Ma Ma and US citizen John William Yettaw. They will also comment on the next steps which should be taken by the international community to secure the release of all of Burma's political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Since Burma's Saffron Revolution in September 2007, the number of political prisoners jailed by Burma's military regime has almost doubled to more than 2,100. Since October 2008, hundreds of peaceful political activists have been sentenced to long prison terms by kangaroo courts, and transferred to remote jails far from their families.

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