


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:	0125			
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Naw Bey Bey			
GENDER:	Female	Ethnicity:	Karen	
DATE OF BIRTH:	1 January 1985	Age:	24	
RELIGION:	Christian			
PARENTS NAME:	Sau Ku Kyi and Naw Rose Bud			
EDUCATION:	10 th Standard			
OCCUPATION:	Community health worker			
LAST ADDRESS:	Ma La Gong village, Tan Ta Bin Township, Taungoo district, Pegu division, Karen State			
ARREST DATE:	January 2006		PHOTO DATE:	19 May 2009 (Ph: Free Burma Rangers)
SECTION OF LAW:				
SENTENCING HISTORY:	8 years			
COURT HEARING:				
NAME OF PRISON:	Taungoo prison in Pegu Division, Karen State			
RELEASE DATE:				
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:				
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:				
<p>On 23 September 2006, the <i>Free Burma Rangers's (FBR)</i> referred to Naw Bey Bey in their report: "Burma Army Burns Villages and Continues to Re-supply Camps in Southern Toungoo District and Northern Nyaunglebin District". The relief team leader, when asked about the situation of Naw Bey Bey, responded that her exact situation was unknown, but that she remained jailed in a Toungoo prison. http://www.freeburmarangers.org/Reports/2006/20060923.html</p> <p>On 10 June 2006, the <i>Federation on Trade Union Kawthoolai (FTUK)</i> made a special statement called for <i>Federation of Trade Unions Burma (FTUB)</i>, <i>International Confederations of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)</i> and the <i>Internation Labour Organisation (ILO)</i> to pressure the State Development and Peace Council (SPDC) of Burma for the immediate release of Naw Bey Bey and promote a better human rights situation in Burma.</p>				
CAREER BACKGROUND:				

Naw Bey Bey began schooling in her native village Ma La Gong in Karen State before moving Kin Myo Kyo Village where she completed her high school education. Afterwards, she attended a community primary healthcare training course organised in Toungoo Division which completed the course after four months and took part in the health care serve for Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) community. In February 2003 she was also involved in the Democratic Union Leadership Training held in Toungoo area. When the *Karen Health Workers Union (KHWU)* held the election in July 2003, she became a union member. Since that time she worked as a nurse helping IDP's in her community until her arrest. It is reported that when people asked her if she was afraid of the Burmese Army, she said "yes, I'm afraid of it. But I want to help my people my Karen Nation and so I tried hard."

http://www.freeburmarangers.org/Reports/2006/20060409_nurse_captured.htm

ARREST DETAILS:

Naw Bey Bey had been working for community health care for three years when she was arrested in late January 2006 while on her way to visit her family in her native village of Ma La Gaung, Toungoo District, Karen State. She had been informed by her father that her mother had just died of an illness and that he wanted her to come home to be with the family. She was riding with a 28 year old man Saw Tu Pah Wah and his wife in their oxcart when she was captured in Shazebo village by Tatmadaw troops on her return to Toungoo District. All of them were captured. Pay Sa Lo villagers reported seeing them there after they were captured, where a new Burmese Army camp has been built. According to the villagers, they were told to wait in the town while the soldiers returned to their camp with all of the money and belongings they had confiscated. When the soldiers returned, the three were taken into custody.

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DETAILS OF IMPRISONMENT:

After Naw Bey Bey's arrest it was reported that she was interrogated and beaten. Soon thereafter, according to the 2007 Annual Survey of violations of trade union rights by the The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) she was seen being held as a prisoner in a Tatmadaw camp near the village of Play Sa Lo along with two other colleagues who were also detained at the same time. She was allegedly seen after this bruised, unfed, frail and her clothing torn. Naw Bey Bey was subsequently transported to Toungoo, where she was accused of having connections with illegal organisations, and was allegedly sentenced to a four year prison term with hard labour. Other reports have however suggested that she may have been given to a different sentence of an 8 year prison term.

<http://survey07.ituc-csi.org/getcountry.php?IDCountry=MMR&IDLing=EN>

While Naw Bey Bey was serving her prison term, (according to a number of sources including IDPs and family members from western Toungoo District) Naw Bey Bey was taken out of prison and forced to travel with one of the Burmese Army battalions as a medic. During this time it was reported that she was raped by a large number of those soldiers, made pregnant and then sent back to prison after the battalion's operation was completed. Allegedly the baby did not survive.

<http://blog.frontfilms.com/2006/09/naw-bey-bey-in-red.html> .
<http://www.freeburmarangers.org/Reports/2006/20060923.html>

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