

Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:	0092			
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	U Thet Naing Aung (a.k.a. Thet Hlaing) <i>(Note: "U" is a Burmese honorific title used for a mature man in a senior position to convey respect)</i>			
GENDER:	Male	ETHNICITY:	Burmese	
DATE OF BIRTH:	1964	AGE:	45 in 2009	
RELIGION:	Buddhist			
PARENTS NAME:	U Ye Shwe and Daw Aye Hlaing			
EDUCATION:				
OCCUPATION:	Democratic Party for a New Society (DPNS) Organizing Member; All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) Member; All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU) Member			
LAST ADDRESS:	Tharkayta Township, Rangoon Division			
ARREST DATE:	19 December 2004	PHOTO DATE:	Apr 2008	
SECTION OF LAW:	Endangering National Convention Law No. 5/96, Section 3; Law Amending the Myanmar Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act of 1947, Law No. 2/90, Section 13(1); and Unlawful Association Act of 1908, Section 17(1)			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	28 Years on 13 June 2005			
COURT HEARING:	Rangoon Divisional Court			
NAME OF PRISON:	Insein Prison, Rangoon Division			
RELEASE DATE:				
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:				
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:				
<p>U Thet Naing Aung (a.k.a. Thet Hlaing) is a 5-year-old political prisoner currently serving a 28-year sentence in Insein Prison for his role in the 1988 Uprising in Burma.</p> <p>According to AAPP source, U Thet Naing was arrested in May 2005, after a long period of house arrest.</p> <p>On 2 August 2005, he was charged with the crime of "organizing and leading a group of persons to engage in a political activity in violation of the law" under the Unlawful Association Act. He was charged along with other political prisoners, including U Aung Mye San, U Ba Myin, U Ba Tin and U Kyin Kyin, a ML leader, and U Thet Naing Aung, who was charged with a role in the 1988 Uprising.</p> <p>As of April 2008, U Thet Naing Aung is still in Insein Prison. (AAPP 9A/2008)</p>				
CAREER BACKGROUND:				
<p>U Thet Naing Aung (a.k.a. Thet Hlaing) is an Organizing Member of the Myanmar Students' Democratic Front (MSDF) since October 1988 and was a member of the 1988 Uprising. He was a member of the MSDF Burma's second largest organization, the Aung San Suu Kyi National League for Democracy, and was a member of the National Alliance for Democracy in the 1980s.</p> <p><i>* The 1988 Uprising was a series of pro-democracy marches and demonstrations initiated by students in Rangoon on 8 August 1988. The protests spread throughout the country. Hundreds of thousands of people including monks, young children, university students, housewives, and doctors demonstrated against the regime. The uprising ended</i></p>				

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On 8 May 2005 the Supreme Court in Rangoon rejected the appeal, upholding the sentence. (B-8-2005)

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