

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council
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Myanmar

Dear Senior General,

I am gravely concerned to hear reports that **Su Su Nway** and **U Aye Myint** are in detention because of their engagement against human rights violation. Reportedly the local authorities ordered **Su Su Nway** and other inhabitants of her village to take part in unpaid labour for a road construction project in April 2004. In January 2005 **Su Su Nway** achieved that local officials were sentenced by a court of justice for ordering unpaid forced labour. Subsequently she was reportedly threatened and tormented by officials of the village administration. Nine months later she was convicted for slander to an one and a half year prison term. Amnesty international assumes that the reasons for **Su Su Nway**'s detention are political and based on her successful work against forced labour in Myanmar.

The lawyer **U Aye Myint** was arrested in September 2005 and charged with offences against national security after he reportedly supported farmers in reporting to the authorities and to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that their land had been confiscated by local officers. **U Aye Myint** was meanwhile sentenced to a seven years imprisonment.

I urge you to release both, **Su Su Nway** and **U Aye Myint** immediately and unconditionally, as they are prisoners of conscience, detained solely of their peaceful engagement in human rights.

Furthermore I urge you to ensure that they receive all necessary medical treatment they need. Reportedly the defendants are granted only restricted contacts to their families and lawyers.

I am looking forward to hear from you in this serious matter.

Yours faithfully

Date: _____

Sender: _____
