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MYANMAR Over 200 activists still held

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The State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC, Myanmar's military government) continues to detain 258 National League for Democracy (NLD) activists, among them 235 members of parliament-elect, arrested in the nationwide sweep of the NLD since 20 May. It is not known where most of them are being held and they continue to be detained in incommunicado detention. Amnesty International has obtained the names of 142 of those who have been arrested, which are listed on the attached pages.

Ten of these activists have been charged under Section 5(j) of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act. This clause provides for up to seven years' imprisonment for anyone who "causes or intends to disrupt the morality or the behaviour of a group of people or the general public, or to disrupt the security or the reconstruction of stability of the Union;". Amnesty International is seriously concerned that these charges have been brought against the ten, particularly as this provision is frequently used by the authorities to criminalize peaceful political activity. Nine of the activists are NLD members of parliament-elect from the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) Division in southwestern Myanmar. They are: U Hla Kyi, Dr Sit Tin, U Nyunt Win, U Than Win, U Tin, Mahn Johnny, U Hla Myint, Dr Hla Win, and U Saw Lwin. The group is believed to be held in Military Intelligence facilities in the area, but the date of their trial is not yet known.

U Win Htein, NLD spokesman who was arrested during the crackdown, has also been charged under Section 5(j) of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act. His trial is reportedly scheduled for 5 June. He is being held at Insein Jail in Yangon (Rangoon), where hundreds of other political prisoners are serving sentences. He was taken to that location recently along with a number of unnamed NLD youth members. Amnesty International is particularly concerned by the move, as conditions at Insein Prison fall far short of international standards, with overcrowding, inadequate food, and lack of proper medical care all commonplace. Ill-treatment of political prisoners is also frequent, both during initial interrogation and after sentencing. Those prisoners who break prison rules are punished harshly, including by being beaten; held in cold cramped conditions; and denied family visits.

At the time of writing, only four NLD activists have been released. **U Hla Pe**, a member of parliament-elect, was released because his wife had died. **Ni Ni Way** (f), an NLD Youth member, was released due to ill health; she has subsequently recovered. **Dr Aung Khin Sint**, elected as an MP from Yangon Division and a former prisoner of conscience from 1993 to 1995, was also

released. Another member of parliament-elect **U Ye Tint** was released at about the same time. While Amnesty International welcomes these releases, it strongly urges the SLORC to release all 258 activists immediately and unconditionally.

The planned NLD meeting took place from 26 - 28 May at the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; however only 18 delegates were able to attend. No barricades were erected in front of the compound, and people were apparently allowed to pass in and out freely through the gates. According to reports, the NLD declared that it would begin drafting a constitution; called on the SLORC to convene the People's Assembly elected in 1990; and urged the SLORC to enter into a dialogue with opposition. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave her regularly scheduled weekend speeches to increased crowds of some 5,000 - 10,000 people with no interference from the authorities. She reportedly stated at that time that the NLD would hold a series of congresses over the next few months. From 27 - 29 May the United Solidarity Development Association (USDA, a public welfare organization created and controlled by the SLORC) held mass rallies of tens of thousands of people reportedly "denouncing destructionists".

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LIST OF NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT-ELECT AND ACTIVISTS ARRESTED SINCE 20 MAY 1996

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	NAME	CONSTITUENCY/OTHER DETAILS
1	Daw Hla Hla Moe (f)	MP - Minhla 2, Bago Division
2	Daw Hse Hse (f)	MP - Hkamti, Sagaing Division
3	Daw Khin Aye Myint (f)	MP - Yankin township, Yangon
4	Daw Khin San Hlaing (f)	MP - Wetlet-2, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
5	Daw May Hnin Kyi (f)	MP - Mogok-1, Mandalay Division
6	Daw San San (f)	MP - Seikkan, Yangon. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
7	Daw San San Win (f)	MP - Ahlone, Yangon. Former political prisoner between November 1990 and May 1992
8	Dr Aung Khin	MP - Wuntho, Sagaing Division
9	Dr Aye Zan	MP - Kyaikkto-2, Mon State
10	Dr Daw Win Myint (f)	MP - Mayangone-2, Yangon
11	Dr Hla Win	MP - Kyaunggon-2, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
12	Dr Htay Maung <i>alias</i> Than Aung Htay	MP - Ye-U 1, Sagaing Division
13	Dr Khin Maung Latt	MP - Thaketa 1, Yangon. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and January 1995
14	Dr Khin Maung Swe	MP - Sagaing-2, Sagaing Division
15	Dr Myint Thein	MP - constituency not known
16	Dr Sit Tin	MP - Ngapudaw-2, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
17	Dr Than Aung Htay	MP - Ye-U-1, Sagaing Division
18	Dr Than Nyein	MP - Kyauktan-1, Yangon
19	Dr Than Win	MP - North Okkalapa-1, Yangon
20	Dr Than Win	MP - Tanyin-2, Yangon

21	Dr Tin Min Htut	MP - Pantanaw-2, Ayeyarwady Division
22	Dr Win Naing	MP - Tanyin-1, Yangon
23	Dr Zaw Win	MP - Ayadaw-1, Sagaing Division
24	Ko Aye Tun	NLD Youth member, Yangon
25	Ko Htay Win	NLD Youth member, Yangon
26	Ko Kyaw Zaw	NLD Youth member, Yangon
27	Ko May Wai	NLD Youth member, Yangon
28	Ko Min Min	NLD Youth member, Yangon
29	Ko Myint Htay	NLD Youth member, Yangon
30	Ko Myo Khin	NLD Youth member, Yangon
31	Ko Thaung Htut	NLD activist from Danubyu township, Ayeyarwady Division
32	Ko Thein Lin	NLD Youth member, Yangon
33	Nan Khin Htwe Myint (f)	MP - Hpa-an-3, Kayin (Karen) State
34	Saw Hlaing	MP - Indaw, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
35	Thakin Khin Nyunt	MP - Yenangyoung-1, Magway Division
36	U Ant Kyi	MP - Chaung-U, Sagaing Division
37	U Aung Htoo	MP - Gangaw, Magway Division
38	U Aung Myint	MP - Letpadan-1, Bago Division
39	U Aung Than	MP - Papun-1, Kayin (Karen) State
40	U Aung Thaung	MP - constituency not known
41	U Aung Zaw	MP - Dagon township, Yangon
42	U Aye	MP - Thegon-1, Bago Division
43	U Aye Than	MP - Paungde-2, Bago Division
44	U Aye Win	Assistant to and cousin of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
45	U Aye Yar	MP - Tada-U-1, Mandalay
46	U Ba Ba	MP - Myinmu-1, Sagaing Division
47	U Ba Aye	MP - Papun-2, Kayin (Karen) State
48	U Bo	MP - Mingin, Sagaing Division
49	U Bo Maung	MP - Tabayin-1, Sagaing Division

50	U Bo Thaung	MP - Yinmabin-1, Sagaing Division
51	U Chit Hlaing	MP - constituency not known
52	U Chit Khaing	MP - Ngazun-1, Sagaing Division
53	U Cho Hlaing	MP - Ngazun-2, Sagaing Division
54	U David Hla Myint	MP - Ngaputaw-1, Ayeyarwady Division. Former prisoner of conscience from 1991 to 1992
55	U Do Htaung	MP - Kale-1, Sagaing Division
56	U Han Than Myint	MP - Budalin-1, Sagaing Division
57	U Hkun Myint Tun	MP - Thaton-1, Mon State
58	U Hla Kyi	MP - Pathein East-2, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
59	U Hla Shein	MP - Yat-sauk township, Shan State
60	U Hla Soe	MP - Minbu-2, Magway Division
61	U Hla Myint	MP - Thabaung-1, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
62	U Hla Thein	MP - Homalin-2, Sagaing Division
63	U Hsan Maung	MP - Kyaukphyu-1, Rakhine State
64	U Khin Maung Than	MP - Kani-1, Sagaing Division
65	U Khin Maung Thein	MP - Khin-U 1, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoner between November 1990 and June 1992
66	U Khun Pe Htwe	MP - Taunggyi-2, Shan State
67	U Kyaw Khaing	MP - Taungup, Rakhine State
68	U Kyaw Khin	MP - Taunggyi-1, Shan State
69	U Kyaw Min	NLD activist.
70	U Kyaw Min	MP - Pathein West 2, Ayeyarwady Division. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1991
71	U Kyaw Nyunt	MP - North Okkalapa-2, Yangon
72	U Kyaw San	MP - Taze-1, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoners between August 1992 and February 1995
73	U Kyaw Win	MP - Htigyaint, Sagaing Division

74	U Kyi Soe	MP - Monywa-1, Sagaing Division
75	U Kyi Win	MP - Mingaladon 1, Yangon
76	U Mahn Johnny	MP - Kyonpaw-1, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
77	U Mahn Nyunt Thein	MP - Pantanaw-2, Ayeyarwady Division
78	U Maung Aye	MP - Tharawaddy 2, Bago Division
79	U Maung Maung Myint	MP - Yamethin-1, Mandalay Division. Former political prisoners between 1991 and 1993
80	U Min Thwin	MP - Maung 2, Sagaing Division
81	U Moe Thu	NLD activist. Former prisoner of conscience between July 1989 and May 1992
82	U Mya Aye	MP - Pinlebu, Sagaing Division
83	U Mya Hlaing	MP - Twante, Yangon Division
84	U Myat Hla	MP - Bago-2, Bago Division
85	U Myint Kyi	MP - Katha, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoner between November 1990 and June 1992
86	U Myint Swe	MP - Moemauk, Kachin State
87	U Myint Thein	MP - constituency not known
88	U Nay Oo	MP - Lanmadaw, Yangon Division
89	U Ngwe Tun	MP - Kyaukpadaung-2, Mandalay Division
90	U Nyan Win	MP - Paung-1, Mon State
91	U Nyunt Hlaing	MP - Myayde-1, Magway Division
92	U Nyunt Hlaing	MP - Pathein East-1, Ayeyarwady Division
93	U Nyunt Win	MP - Kekyi-1, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
94	U Ohn Hlaing	MP - constituency not known
95	U Ohn Kyaing	MP - Homalin 1, Sagaing Division
96	U Ohn Maung	MP - Yawnghwe-2, Shan State. Former political prisoner released April 1992
97	U Ohn Myint	MP - Thaketa-2, Yangon
98	U Pe Than	MP - Taze-2, Sagaing Division
99	U Po Aye	NLD member, Yangon

100	U San Hla Baw	MP - Patheingyi-2, Mandalay Division
101	U San Tin	MP - Hlegu-2, Yangon
102	U San Tun Maung	MP - constituency not known
103	U Saw Aung	MP - Monywa 2, Sagaing Division
104	U Saw Chit Than	MP - Hpa-an 1, Kayin (Karen) State
105	U Saw Lwin	MP - Kyaunggon-1, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
106	U Saw Thein	MP - constituency not known
107	U Saw Victor Clyde	MP - Thandaung 2, Kayin (Karen) State. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
108	U Saw Win	MP - Htilin, Magway Division
109	U Sein Bo	MP - Myawaddy, Kayin (Karen) State
110	U Sein Lwin	MP - Shwepyitha, Magway Division
111	U Sein Maung	MP - Natogyi-2, Mandalay Division
112	U Sein Yan	MP - Salingyi-2, Sagaing Division
113	U Than alias U Than Sein	MP - Pale-1, Sagaing Division
114	U Than Oo	MP - Tada-U-2, Mandalay
115	U Than Tin	MP - Kyeikklatt-1, Ayeyarwady Division
116	U Than Win	MP - constituency not known, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
117	U Thant Zin	MP - Kani-2, Sagaing Division
118	U Thaung Myint	MP - Khin-U 2, Sagaing Division. Former political prisoner between November 1990 and June 1992
119	U Thaung Sein	MP - Pyay-2, Bago Division
120	U Thaung Tin	MP - Wundwin-1, Mandalay
121	U Thaung Yi	MP - Danubyu-2, Ayeyarwady Division
122	U Thein Maung	MP - Manaung, Rakhine State
123	U Thein Nyunt	MP - Thingangyun-1, Yangon
124	U Thein San	MP - Kawlin, Sagaing Division

126	U Thein Tun	MP - Thegon 2, Bago Division. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
127	U Thein Win	MP - Kale-2, Sagaing Division
128	U Tin	MP - Kyonpaw-2, Ayeyarwady Division. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
129	U Tin Kyaw	MP - Mandalay Southeast-1, Mandalay
130	U Tin Maung	MP - Kalewa, Sagaing Division
131	U Tin Maung Win	MP - Mawleik, Sagaing Division
132	U Tin Oo	MP - Myaung-1, Ayeyarwady Division
133	U Tin Soe	MP - Kyauktada, Bago Division. Former political prisoner between August 1993 and 1995
134	U Tin Win	MP - Kyeiklatt-2, Ayeyarwady Division
135	U Toe Po	NLD MP - Yebyu, Tanintharyi (Tennasserim Division)
136	U Tun Chit	MP - Hpa-an-2, Kayin (Karen) State)
137	U Tun Myaing	MP - Wetlet-1, Sagaing Division
138	U Win Htein	NLD spokesman. Former prisoner of conscience between July 1989 and February 1995. Charged under Section 5j of the 1950 Emergency Provisions Act
139	U Win Myint Aung	MP - Tabayin-2, Sagaing Division
140	Win Win Htay	NLD Youth member, Yangon
141	U Ye Htut	MP - Daik-U 1, Bago Division. Former political prisoner between October 1990 and May 1992
142	U Yu Gan	MP - Kungyangon, Yangon