

# URGENT ACTION

## MYANMAR PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

**Peaceful protester Myat Nu Khaing has been released from prison following a Presidential pardon in Myanmar on 17 April.**

**Myat Nu Khaing**, medical doctor and former election candidate, was released from Insein prison in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, on 17 April. She was released as part of a Presidential pardon which saw the release of 83 prisoners, including prisoners of conscience Amnesty International has campaigned for.

She had been sentenced to one year in prison on 31 March 2016 for her participation in a peaceful protest on 29 December 2014. The demonstration was calling on the authorities to investigate the shooting to death of protester Khin Win by the police at the controversial Letpadaung copper mine. She was arrested on 17 October 2015, 10 months after the protest, and charged with multiple criminal offences in a case which Amnesty International considers to have been politically motivated.

While Amnesty International welcomes Myat Nu Khaing's release, the fact remains that she should never have been arrested and imprisoned in the first place.

**Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.**

This is the second update of UA 237/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/ASA16/3768/2016/en/>

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