

I am writing to you to express my grave concern regarding Shayam Brang Shawng (known as Brang Shawng), an ethnic Kachin man from Myanmar, who is facing jail following his calls for the authorities to investigate the role of the Myanmar Army in the death of his daughter.

I am calling on you that the Myanmar authorities immediately drop the charges against Brang Shawng.

I am also calling on you to undertake a prompt, impartial, independent and effective investigation into the death of Ja Seng Ing and bring those responsible to justice in independent, civilian courts in trials which meet international standards of fairness, and which do not impose the death penalty.

Lastly I would like to ask you to ensure that all those who make complaints about human rights violations – including to the MNHRC – are not subject to intimidation or retaliatory action and, instead, that adequate protection mechanisms are put in place for victims, witnesses and their families.

I would appreciate your attention and action on their matter.

Sincerely yours,