

Your Excellency ;

I am writing to express my grave concern on a candidate standing for election to the Lower House of Parliament who has been detained and charged for participating in a peaceful protest that took place 10 months ago against the shooting to death of a protester.

I am calling on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Myat Nu Khaing and drop all charges against her as she has been charged solely for the peaceful exercise of her human rights.

I am also urging them to ensure that pending her release, Myat Nu Khaing is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated; not transferred to a remote prison, has regular access to family members and a lawyer of her choosing and is provided with any medical treatment that she may require.

Lastly I should call on them to conduct a prompt, thorough, impartial and effective investigation into the killing of Khin Win and other allegations that police used excessive force against the Letpadaung protesters and bring those responsible for human rights-related offences to justice in trials which meet international standards of fairness, without recourse to the death penalty.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,