

# WRITE FOR RIGHTS

## BURMA

### Dr Tun Aung

#### IMPRISONED FOR TRYING TO HELP

Dr Tun Aung, a community leader, has been sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment after an unfair trial.

He was arrested following riots between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims in Maungdaw, a town in western Burma, in June 2012. Independent eyewitnesses confirm that Dr Aung actively tried to calm the crowd during the rioting and played no role in the violence. Nevertheless, he was convicted of inciting riots and various other criminal offences.

It is likely that the authorities were looking for people to blame in the aftermath of the violence and Dr Aung may have been targeted because he is a Muslim community leader. Amnesty International considers Dr Aung, who suffers from a pituitary tumour and may not be receiving the medical care he needs, to be a prisoner of conscience.

■ [www.amnesty.org.uk/drtun](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/drtun)



#### ONLINE ACTION

##### POST A VIDEO OR PHOTO WITH A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT:

■ Go to [www.myanmar-w4r.tumblr.com](http://www.myanmar-w4r.tumblr.com) and click on 'submit' at the top of the page. You can then upload a message, photo or video. The family will be able to view this page, and Amnesty hopes to be able to share it with Dr Tun Aung on his release.

- **Preferred language** English or Burmese
- **Salutation** To the family of Dr Tun Aung

#### CAN I

- ✗ **Send a religious card or message?**
- ✓ **Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?**
- ✗ **Include my name and address?** You can include your name but it is not advisable to make your address public on the internet.
- ✗ **Download the message in another language?**

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

**Urge President Thein Sein to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Tun Aung.**

**Write to:** President Thein Sein  
President's Office  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Myanmar

**Email:** Via an online contact form at  
[www.president-office.gov.mm/contact](http://www.president-office.gov.mm/contact)

**Salutation:** Your Excellency

#### In your letter:

- Urge him to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Tun Aung.

While the authorities are considering Dr Tun Aung for release:

- Urge him to move Dr Tun Aung from Sittwe prison to Insein prison so that he can have regular family visits ahead of his release.
- Call on him to ensure the prison authorities provide Dr Aung with the medical care and medication he requires to manage a serious health condition.