

Sai Zaw Thaïke - Myanmar

**The State Administration Council
c/o Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
2300 S St., NW
Washington, DC 20008**

Dear State Administration Council,

Photojournalist **Sai Zaw Thaïke** was arrested in May 2023, after travelling to Rakhine State to report on the devastation caused by Cyclone Mocha. After a one-day trial in September, he was sentenced by a military tribunal to 20 years in prison with hard labor. He has endured beatings by prison staff and periods of solitary confinement.

He embedded himself with a relief team. But after a week there, Sai was arrested. He was interrogated and beaten. He has endured beatings by prison staff and periods of solitary confinement.

Journalism is not a crime, but over 200 journalists in Myanmar have been imprisoned in the past few years.

I am asking that Sai Zaw Thaïke be immediately and unconditionally released.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]