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MYANMAR

RELEASE SAI ZAW THAIKE



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PHOTOJOURNALIST SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR REPORTING ON A CYCLONE

Photojournalist Sai Zaw Thaike traveled undercover to Rakhine State, Myanmar, determined to report on the devastation of Cyclone Mocha, which slammed into the country in May 2023. Sai embedded himself with a relief team, but after a week there, Sai Zaw was arrested. He was interrogated, beaten, and in September 2023, sentenced by a military tribunal to 20 years in prison with hard labor. His trial lasted just one day. Following the 2021 military coup, the military raided the offices of “Myanmar Now,” a news agency where Sai Zaw worked. The media outlet was subsequently banned, and staff had to flee the country.

SEND A MESSAGE TO THE MYANMAR AUTHORITIES

WRITE **Address to send letter:**
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 Thaike 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.

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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 Thaike be immediately and unconditionally released.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]

EMAIL **Send email appeal to:**
Commander-in-Chief of Defense
www.seniorgeneralminangunhlaing.com.m
m/en
/contact/

Send copies to:
Myanmar Embassy in the U.S
pyi.thayar@verizon.net

SEND A SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO SAI ZAW

SEND Send Sai Zaw messages of hope and solidarity. Let him know that you support him.

In your card please do not mention Amnesty International or Myanmar's human rights record; detention conditions, political criticism, or include details about Saw Zai's case.

Address to send solidarity card:

AIUSA, 89 South Street
Suite LL01
Boston, MA 02111

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WORK BY SAI ZAW

Sai Zaw's photo taken at a protest in Yagoon, Myanmar



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