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Statement 182 (12/99) (translation)  

1. U Aung Myint Thein, parliamentarian elect of Constituency 2 Natmauk township, Magwe division, has been incarcerated at the 88th Light Infantry Division based at Magwe from 13 July 98.  

2. His wife, Daw Htay Aung is in charge at the Natmauk Auditor's office. Her work is exemplary.  

3. To stage a demonstration of non-confidence against the elected parliamentarians of Natmauk township the relevant township authorities used the USDA and the education department teachers to get signatures on petitions. Daw Htay Aung was also asked to put her signature to the petition but she correctly as approved by law, refused to join in an operation that was going to declare non-confidence in her parliamentarian husband.  

4. As a consequence, in the middle of October she received a transfer order to Sagaing Division and she left on the 1 December 1999. She had never asked for a transfer.  

5. The only reason for her transfer was the fact that she had refused to sign papers indicating non-confidence in her parliamentarian husband. She performed her duties beyond reproach. This is outright victimization for political reasons to destroy families. These tactics are not only illegal and unjust but it is an indication of an overweening sense of authority and misuse of power. We strongly denounce this and ask that she be returned to her original place of work.  

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