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BURMA **TASK FORCE USA**

Act Now to Release Arrested Rohingya Leaders

On March 3, 2015, the Rakhine State Divisional Court sentenced Rohingya Leaders Ba Thar, Kyaw Myint and his son Hla Myint to 8-year sentences and Kyaw Khin to a 5-year sentence. Amnesty International calls them prisoners of conscience and is demanding their immediate release. We need your help to get them released.

These leaders have been charged with violent offenses during an April 2013 community protest. However, Amnesty International says it has reliable information that the leaders did not use violence. All these leaders had either been acquitted, granted amnesty, or finished their sentences, but the court granted the state's appeal, and the state has put them back in prison.

Action Item

This is a critical situation. Please write immediately:

- Calling on the Burmese government to immediately and unconditionally release Ba Thar, Kyaw Myint, Hla Myint and Kyaw Khin;
- Urging them to ensure that, pending their release, they will have regular access to family members, their chosen attorneys, necessary medical care, and that they will not be tortured or ill-treated;
- Calling on them to end discrimination in law and practice against religious and ethnic minorities, and ensure the

Rohingya have equal access to full citizenship rights.

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You may also wish to copy one of the champions of the Rohingya in the US Congress, Rep. Joseph Crowley's staff member: jeremy.woodrum@mail.house.gov

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