



# FREE BURMA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

April 19th – 26th 2009

## CAMPAIGN PASSES 250,000 MARK

SIGNATURE COUNT: **267,227**

## MIN KO NAING WINS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Min Ko Naing is the 2009 winner of the Gwangju Human Rights Award. This is a great achievement for Min Ko Naing and also, for the whole movement.

The Gwangju Prize for Human Rights was established to celebrate the spirit of the May 18 Gwangju Uprising by recognizing both individuals, groups or institutions in Korea and abroad that have contributed in promoting and advancing human rights, democracy and peace through their work.



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## UK POLITICIANS CALL ON UN TO PRIORITISE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BURMA

Former leaders of the UK's three main political parties have added their support to the petition, thanks to Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague MP said, "In the wake of the shocking prison sentences imposed on activists in Burma, and the regime's continuing crimes against humanity, it is vital that we do everything in our power to summon up the will of the international community to influence the junta in Burma and seek the release of all political prisoners." Neil Kinnock, Labour Party leader from 1983-92 and David Steel, Liberal Party leader from 1976-88, both now in the House of Lords, also added their support.

The Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell MP, is another signatory to the petition. Mr Mitchell became the first elected British politician in many years to visit Rangoon in 2007, where he met former political prisoners. He also visited internally displaced peoples inside Karen State. Read more [here](#)

**CAMPAIGN IN HUNGARY:** Thanks to Christopher Simmersbach from The Durgas, information about the campaign has been translated into Hungarian and posted on one of the main newspapers in Hungary, Magyar Nemzet Online, with a call to sign the petition. Click [here](#) for the website.

**MALAYSIA:** Groups in Malaysia have collected 6,752 signatures so far!

### Video Links:

- The Campaign video is available with English subtitles on the website. Click [here](#) to watch.
- We now have our own video channel on YouTube. Click [here](#) to browse. .