

## **KNU Statement on the Release of Padoh Mahn Nyein Maung**

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A member of the Central Standing Committee of the KNU, Mahn Nyein Maung, who had been sentenced to life plus 3 years, was released on March 19, 2012, on the pardon by President of the Union of Burma (Myanmar), U Thein Sein.

The KNU had the occasion to welcome the return of Mahn Nyein Maung warmly to its fold, on the 24th of March. The KNU believes that this act of the government strengthens the building of frank and durable relationship in the time of dialogue for peace with the KNU.

Since the release of political prisoners is an important part in the process of building peace and reform, the KNU would like to urge U Thein Sein government to pardon and release unconditionally all the political prisoners, including those of the ethnic nationalities, remaining in the prisons of Burma (Myanmar).

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