Release Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, Protect Media Freedom, Promote Accountability

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Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo were sentenced to seven years in prison by Yangon Region Northern District Court today. We strongly condemn the punishment of these two individuals for simply doing their jobs as journalists. This decision indicates that the entire trial process was neither free nor fair and was completely manipulated. We believe that the decision by the court is irrational, and the case was framed to justify the arrest and imprisonment of the two journalists. We take this as a crackdown on the rights of access to information and media freedom, and an oppressive gesture towards all concerned people of Myanmar who aspire to build a society characterized by the rule of law, accountability, freedom, and justice.

We call on the government, the military, and all other relevant authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, protect media freedom, and promote accountability.
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