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**Paing Phyo Min – MYANMAR**

**H.E. Aung San Suu Kyi**
State Counsellor
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Your Excellency

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I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Paing Phyo Min, a 22-year-old poet and student leader serving six years in prison solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

In April and May 2019, Paing Phyo Min and other members of the Peacock Generation, a satirical poetry troupe, performed Thangyat critical of the military. The military took offence at their performances and brought charges against them.

Paing Phyo Min should not be in prison simply for criticising the military. Everyone must be free to express their views in Myanmar, even if these are critical of the authorities. I urge you to release Paing Phyo Min immediately and unconditionally, and your government to repeal or amend all repressive laws that violate the right to freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely