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PROTEST AGAINST THE PRISON DETENTION OF AUNG SAN SUU KYI

The Norwegian Nobel Committee protests strongly against the way in which the government of Myanmar (Burma) has treated Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate of 1991. Her recent detention in prison is totally unacceptable. She has done nothing wrong. The government's treatment of her is contrary to international rules and norms. We urge that she and other political prisoners be immediately and unconditionally released. Free elections should be held as soon as possible.

In the general election in 1990 Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy triumphed. The results were, however, nullified and the military refused to hand over power. No free elections have since been held. For years Aung San Suu Kyi has lived under house arrest. The unacceptable treatment of her has to come to an immediate end.

Recent reports about Aung San Suu Kyi's health are of great concern. We demand that she be given the necessary medical assistance without delay.

Thorbjørn Jagland
Chairman, The Norwegian Nobel Committee

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