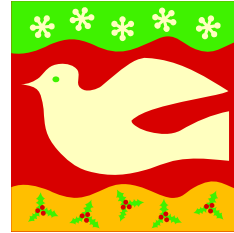




Aung San Suu Kyi



BURMA

On June 19, writer and pro-democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi marked her 61st birthday under house arrest. She was put into "protective custody" by Burma's ruling military junta in May 2003, following clashes between security forces and democracy activists. In May 2006, Suu Kyi's house arrest was extended for another year. The Nobel laureate has spent much of the past 16 years under house arrest, without access to the rest of the world.

We urge you to write to Burma's ruling State Peace and Development Council to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi. Following is a letter that you can use as a model to send to authorities.

Thank you.

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Excellency,

I am writing to call for the freedom of writer and pro-democracy activist **Aung San Suu Kyi**.

The leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and writer was taken into "protective custody" following violent clashes between opposition and pro-government supporters on May 30, 2003. Aung San Suu Kyi sustained non-life threatening injuries during the demonstration, and was later taken into custody. She was transferred to the Asia Royal Hospital in Yangon on September 17, 2003, and underwent a hysterectomy operation on September 19.

Since that operation, Aung San Suu Kyi has been under house arrest. I understand that her detention was extended in May 2006 by another year.

A barricade where the complex of her house begins and a barricade at its end are said to be manned by clusters of watchful guards. It is reported that Aung San Suu Kyi has only one cook for company and is visited by a doctor once a week. She does not have access to a telephone but is said to be allowed television and radio.

I consider Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to be detained in violation of Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I call upon the State Peace and Development Council to order the immediate and unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi and all others detained in Myanmar for the peaceful expression of their views.

Sincerely,

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