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Burma: Two Years Hard labour sentence for Burmese labour activist

Brussels, 22 September 2008 (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC strongly condemns the recent sentencing to two years hard labour of U Thet Way, a Burmese labour activist. U Thet Way was involved in helping to supply the International Labour Organisation with information on forced labour including the military junta's practise of recruitment of children into the army.

"Once again the military junta is showing complete disregard for fundamental rights," said Guy Ryder, ITUC general secretary. "Condemning U Thet Way simply because he spoke up for workers' rights is an intolerable action".

The International Labour Office has said it is "concerned and disappointed" at the sentencing:
http://www.ilo.org/global/About_the_ILO/Media_and_public_information/Press_releases/lang--en/WCMS_098374/index.htm

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