

Mr. Aung Htoo

Human Rights Lawyer
Founder of Legal Aid Network
Principal of the Federal Law Academy



Professional Employment

Human Rights Lawyer
Senior Advocate

Biography

Mr. Aung Htoo was born in Burma/Myanmar, graduated in 1972, and became a lawyer in 1977. He has been active in the pro-democracy movement since 1974. In a demonstration, he was shot at his right leg, which was broken and was also detained in Insein prison for six months. While practicing as a lawyer in Yangon, he was detained again, without being tried at the court, from 1981 to 1983 under the 1975 State Protection Act.

When the nationwide popular democratic uprising against the military regime occurred in August 1988, Mr. Htoo became the Joint General Secretary of the Central Strike Committee, in Taunggyi. In 1992, he initiated to form Burma Lawyers' Council, with a group of democratic lawyers who have got to liberated area of Burma; and, took responsibility as the General Secretary of the organization up to February 18, 2012. As an attempt to indict the leaders of Myanmar military in the ICC, Burma Lawyers' Council convened an international seminar held in Bangkok, Thailand, in May 2009. The regime issued an arrest warrant against him and attempted to kidnap him. Then, Mr. Htoo and his family took refuge in Sweden and now they have become Swedish citizens. On Oct 30, 2012, Mr. Htoo founded Legal Aid Network.