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LO-Sweden condemns Aung San Suu Kyi Sham Trial

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), representing 1.7 million wage earners, strongly condemns the trial of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the world's only incarcerated Nobel Prize winner, which has been going on for more than a week now. The only purpose of this mockery of a trial seems to be to make sure she plays no part whatsoever in the upcoming "elections" of 2010.

Aung San Suu Kyi's house arrest was scheduled to end on 27 May 2009, and therefore, she had no reason at all to break any of its provisions. The Burmese regime is clearly intent on finding any pretext, no matter how questionable, to extend her unlawful detention. The only thing she is guilty of, however, is standing up for the rights of the Burmese people in the face of appalling repression.

The LO therefore demands that she be released immediately, and that the other more than 2,100 political prisoners who are currently detained in Burma also be released without any further delay.

We want to pay your attention to that we have, since a long time back, closely followed the political development in Burma and with horror discovered no democratic trends whatsoever. We urgently request that your regime respect all individuals' human as well as trade union rights in your country. The Burmese case has also been discussed extensively in the International Labour Organisation, ILO, and we also request your respect of the core ILO conventions.

Yours sincerely,
THE SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

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