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## **WATCHDOGS CONDEMN HARSH SENTENCES FOR MYANMAR MEDIA**

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The junta in Myanmar is "ruthlessly targeting" staff at an independent media outlet with harsh sentences and arrest warrants, watchdogs say.

A court in Rakhine State in late June sentenced Htet Aung, a reporter with the Development Media Group, or DMG news agency, to five years of hard labor. A security guard for the media organization, Soe Win Aung, received the same sentence.

Both were charged under Myanmar's counterterrorism law, and the verdict was not immediately made public.

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