

Suu Kyi gets Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (Norway), Oct. 14 : Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize on Monday for her nonviolent struggle to bring democracy to her country, reports AP.

Mrs. Suu Kyi's struggle is "one of the most extraordinary examples of civil courage in Asia in recent decades," the Nobel Committee said.

She may have trouble learning she has won the dollars 1 million prize because she has been under house arrest for more than two years and is cut off from visitors, Committee Chairman Francis Sejersted said.

Sejersted said a telegram had been sent to the government of Myanmar (Burma) run by a military junta which refuses to recognize the May 1990 election victory of Mrs. Suu Kyi's party.

The committee chairman said the Myanmar government had been asked to pass to Mrs. Suu Kyi a copy of the prize citation, honoring "this woman for her unflagging efforts and to show its support for the many people throughout the world who are striving to attain democracy, human rights, and ethnic conciliation by peaceful means."

Sejersted said he had called Mrs. Suu Kyi's husband, Michael Aris, a Briton who currently is a

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professor at Harvard University in the United States, to tell him the news. "He was overwhelmed and said he would tell the two children," Sejersted said.

Mrs. Suu Kyi, 46-year-old mother of two sons, is the daughter of Myanmar legendary independence struggle leader Aung San.

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