



## Phrathepyanmahamuni's Health Condition

A photograph showing Phrathepyanmahamuni (Most Venerable Dhammajayo) in the process of releasing birds took place on 3 May 2016. Since he was unable to walk long distances, he was driven to a location in close proximity to his monastic residence within the temple to release these birds. The report that he had traveled to a donor's residence to release the birds is a completely false accusation that has been publicized in social media.

Timeline of Phrathepyanmahamuni's health condition:

*22 April 2016* Prolonged participation in Earth Day activities led to a worsening of chronic medical problems including dizziness from benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV), and increased lower extremity edema. Doctors recommended rest for improvement of symptoms.

*3 May 2016* Rode in an automobile to release birds at a location in close proximity to his monastic residence within the temple grounds.

*4 May 2016* Worsening pain and edema of the left lower extremity.

*8 May 2016* Worsening pain due to increased leg swelling. The Abbot's primary care physician invited specialists to perform an examination with ultrasound. The medical team diagnosed him with complete occlusion of the left common femoral vein and a chronic deep vein thrombosis at the proximal left superficial femoral vein, preventing blood from moving from his left leg to his heart. This resulted in acute pain and edema. Increased compartment pressure in the left leg increased his risk of acute ischemia and amputation. The medical team gave the patient strict instructions to keep his lower extremities elevated above the heart, and to avoid traveling, which could cause a pulmonary embolism and be fatal.

*16 May 2016* Abbot experiences increased pain in his left leg. After taking pain medication he experienced nausea, dizziness and extreme drowsiness as a side effect. Due to persistence of extreme pain physicians had to add an additional medication, but adjusted the dosages to avoid side effects. Physicians are closely monitoring his condition at this time.

Currently the Abbot's condition is very weak due to chronic medical problems including diabetes and allergies. These conditions have caused his health to deteriorate greatly. As a result, physicians have prescribed him rest for a duration of two months.

Blessings,

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