

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Statement No. (5/2025)

1. On the occasion of the Myanmar New Year, on the 5th Waning of Tagu, 1387 Myanmar Era (17 April 2025), the Chairman of the State Administration Council granted pardons as a gesture to mark the New Year, to bring peace of mind to the public, to extend social compassion, and to foster understanding of the State's goodwill and benevolence, as well as to encourage participation in nation-building activities. Under Order No. (30/2025), a one-sixth remission of the remaining prison terms was granted to prisoners except those convicted of specific crimes. Additionally, under Order No. (31/2025), the sentences of 4893 prisoners were commuted and pardoned.
2. Furthermore, in consideration of maintaining friendly international relations and promoting humanitarian consideration, Order No. (32/2025) granted sentence remissions and pardons to 13 foreign prisoners, who were then deported.
3. The State's granting of remissions and pardons reflects a positive human rights initiative. Citizens who received pardons would be able to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of areas affected by earthquakes and also participate in the building of a democratic and federal union.
4. The remission and pardon of sentences for foreign prisoners not only promotes peaceful coexistence but also acknowledges and appreciates the mutual humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and rescue efforts extended among member countries of the global community in time of natural calamities.
5. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission would like to express joyfulness alongside the families of those granted amnesty, welcomes the sentence remissions and pardons, and issues this statement accordingly.

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