

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement No. (2/2024)

1. On the occasion of the Myanmar New Year, the 9th Waxing of Tagu 1386 ME (17 April 2024), the Chairman of the State Administration Council, aiming to bring about peace of mind to the public and on social consideration, and seeking to foster the affection and goodwill of the state, issued State Administration Council Order No. (29/2024) which granted remission of one-sixth of the remaining sentences to be served under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure except specified offenses for prisoners incarcerated in respective prisons, jails, and camps under existing laws. According to Order No. (30/2024), a total of 3303 prisoners serving sentences in respective prisons, jails, and camps were conditionally pardoned under Article 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
2. Additionally, in consideration of the friendly bilateral relations and humanitarian grounds, 8 foreign prisoners were remitted by the State Administration Council Order No. (31/2024) and 13 Indonesians and 15 Sri Lankans were remitted by Order No. (32/2024) respectively. They will be deported under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. This action reflects the positive initiative from human rights perspective of the State Administration Council and on social consideration. They will have the opportunity to reunite with their families under this granted remission and pardon which reinforce the State's commitment to protecting the fundamental unit of society which is the family. Moreover, we believe that they would be able to participate in any sector of State building.
4. The pardoning of foreign prisoners will foster mutual understanding and promote peaceful coexistence of the global family of nations.
5. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is delighted to share the joy with the relevant family members and welcomes recognition of the human rights and humanitarian endeavours.

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