

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement No. (1/2025)

1. In commemoration of the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day, which falls on 4 January 2025, the State Administration Council issued State Administration Council Order No. (1/2025), which granted remission of one-sixth of the remaining sentences to be served, for prisoners incarcerated in respective prisons, jails, and camps under existing laws; Order No. (2/2025), a total of 5,864 prisoners serving sentences in respective prisons, jails, and camps were conditionally pardoned; Order No. (3/2025), commuted the life sentences of 144 prisoners in respective prisons and jails to 15-year imprisonment, and Order No. (4/2025), 180 foreign prisoners from the respective prisons has remitted and deported. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes these acts of clemency.

2. These actions reflect the positive step in terms of human rights, and it is expected that the released prisoners will be able to participate in some way in establishing a State based on democracy and a federal system. The granting of remission and deportation of foreign prisoners is also viewed as a step to promote friendly relations between nations.

3. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is delighted to share the joy with the relevant family members of those who have been released and hopes that similar positive human rights and humanitarian actions will continue to be carried out.

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