

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement No. (1/2026)

1. In commemoration of the 78th Anniversary of Independence Day, which falls on the 4th of January 2026, the National Defence and Security Council has announced the following orders: Order No. (1/2026) grants a conditional pardon, reducing the remaining sentences of prisoners currently serving sentences in prisons, jails, and camps by one-sixth; Order No. (2/2026) grants amnesty with conditions to 6,134 prisoners by reducing their remaining sentences; and Order No. (3/2026) grants amnesty with conditions by reducing the remaining sentences of 52 foreign prisoners, followed by deportation orders.
2. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is greatly joyful for the pardon and amnesty recipients and their respective family members. It is hoped and believed that, having understood the value of national independence, they will dutifully and faithfully participate in protecting and safeguarding independence, and in the nation-building process based on the democracy and federal system being implemented by the State.
3. Furthermore, it is viewed that reducing the sentences of foreign prisoners, granting amnesty, and deporting them will support relations between nations and lead to increased cooperation.
4. The orders issued by the National Defence and Security Council are observed to yield positive results from the perspectives of human rights, humanitarian considerations, and the promotion of international cooperation. Therefore, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issues this statement welcoming the conditional pardon order and the amnesty orders.

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