

**Statement of the MNHRC on the inspection visits of prisons, jails, detention centers
and police lock-ups from January to May 2022
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1. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) is carrying out its human rights promotion and protection activities in accordance with the duties and powers of the Commission prescribed in the Chapter V of its enabling law.
2. In doing so, the MNHRC has planned a schedule for visiting, constantly monitoring and inspecting prisons, jails, detention centers, police lock-ups, judicial lock-ups, hospital guard-wards in line with the section 43 of the MNHRC law, in order to ensure that persons imprisoned, detained or confined are treated humanely and in accordance with international and national human rights laws.
3. While visiting the prison, jail, detention center and lock-up, the inspection team of MNHRC carried out inspecting in line with the Covid-19 pandemic protective instructions by the Ministry of Health.
4. From January to May 2022, the MNHRC teams inspected 8 prisons, 2 jails, 7 labour camps and 10 police lock-ups as follows: -

Sr.	Prison/Jail	Labour Camp	Police Lock-up
1.	Keng Tung	Kyauk Phyu Taung	Keng Tung Myoma
2.	Myeik	Sin Phyu Shin	Tachileik Myoma
3.	Nay Pyi Taw Jail	Kin-Thar (1)	Myeik Myoma
4.	Maubin	Kin-Thar (2)	Lashio Myoma
5.	Hinthada	Taung Lay Lone	Lashio station
6.	Lashio	Hti-Kham	Myitkyina Myoma
7.	Myitkyina	Ban-Kan	Nyaung-U Myoma
8.	Nyaung-U	-	Bagan station
9.	Nyaung-Shwe	-	Taunggyi Myoma
10.	Taunggyi Jail	-	Taunggyi station

5. During these visits, the MNHRC inspection team met and interviewed privately 5,348 prisoners and 2,523 detainees in 8 prisons and 2 jails, 1,007 prisoners in 7 labour

camps and 419 detainees in 10 police lock-ups. The inspection team also freely inspected every place in the prisons and jails, without any exception including the sleeping quarters of the prisoners, detainees, prison facilities, the availability of personal accessories for each prisoner and detainee, food, health care services, the provision of drinking water.

6. Furthermore, the inspection team met and asked the prisoners, detainees at their sleeping quarters and worksite to ensure that they are provided with sufficient meals, there is no torture or ill-treatment, the availability of personal accessories and supplies from their family. The inspection team also privately interviewed the prisoners who wish to meet with the team confidentially.

7. During the inspection, a total of 30 prisoners and detainees including 12 male inmates, 2 female inmates, 13 male detainees and 3 female detainees asked for permission to meet privately with the inspection team and the inspection team privately interviewed them in accordance with section 43 and 44 of the MNHRC enabling law.

8. The inspection team inspected the prisons, jails and police lock-ups to see if they meet the “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners”, which was referred to in the procedures on the MNHRC enabling law. The following findings were sent to the respective Union Level institutions: -

Sr.	Matter	Findings and Recommendations
1.	matter relating to meals/ food	1
2.	matter relating to the administration	43
3.	matter relating to the health care services	49
4.	matter relating to the building	23
5.	matter relating to education	1
6.	matter relating to cleanliness	5
7.	matter relating to drinking water	2
	Total	124

9. Out of the 124 recommendations sent, the respective institutions made 99 responses to the Commission while 25 are yet to be responded to. Among the 99 responses, 65 cases (65.66%) were fully implemented and 34 cases (34.34%) were still being processed.

10. The Commission is monitoring the status of implementing the recommendations of MNHRC by the respective institutions and if necessary, the Commission will repeat the recommendations after next inspection visit.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

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Information of the prisons inspected by the Commission during 2022

Sr.	Date of Inspection	Prison	Grade	Date of conveying recommendation to MOHA	Number of recommendations	Prison Capacity (persons)	Number of Prisoners (Current)		
							Detainees	Prisoners	Total
1.	10 January 2022	Keng Tung	A	18 January 2022	11	1000	98	1210	1308
2.	12 January 2022	Myeik	A	19 January 2022	12	1000	467	853	1320
3.	28 January 2022	Nay Pyi Taw	A	29 January 2022	16	-	699	117	816
4.	1 February 2022	Maubin	B	9 February 2022	10	500	315	261	576
5.	4 February 2022	Hinthada	B	14 February 2022	13	500	535	215	750
6.	17 March 2022	Lashio	A	22 March 2022	5	1000	138	1555	1693
7.	7 April 2022	Myitkyina	A	7 April 2022	8	1000	204	958	1162
8.	2 May 2022	Nyaung U	B	3 May 2022	7	500	67	179	246
9.	9 May 2022	Nyaung Shwe	A	16 May 2022	4	1000	144	1808	1952

10.	12 May 2022	Taunggyi	B	16 May 2022	2	500	116	53	169
	Total				88	7000	2523	5348	7871

