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9,002 prisoners granted amnesty

The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation by upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The vast majority of the people have already adopted the constitution, the fourth step of the Seven-step Road Map, to shape the future State.

In building a new nation, the Government sentenced those who violated the existing laws to prison terms in accord with the law to ensure stability and prevalence of law and order. However, plans are being made for those serving prison terms to turn them into citizens to be able to participate in building a new nation.

To this end, the Government terminated the prison terms of 9,002 prisoners with good conduct and discipline for social consideration of their families and released them from the respective jails on 23 September 2008 to enable them to serve the interests of the regions and their own and to participate in the free and fair democratic elections to be held in 2010 together with the general population after realizing the Government's generosity and goodwill.



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