



**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**National Unity Government**  
**Ministry of Human Rights**



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**Statement regarding the violent torture in Patheingyi Prison**

**8 January 2023**

1. Starting on January 5 and 6, 2023, the Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government discovered from data it had gathered that an unjustly detained civilian was killed, about 70 detainees were injured and another detainee still being missing because of the violence committed by prison officials of the military terrorist group.
2. On December 30, 2022, Ko Win Min Htet and the other seven unjustly imprisoned civilians demonstrated against the death penalties. Those seven unjustly detained civilians were locked up in the cells after being tortured and beaten. Ko Win Min Htet has been missing since that day.
3. The ministry learned that Ko Wai Yan Phyoo was killed, many unjustly detained civilians were injured and nine of whom were in critical condition because of the brutal tortures and the gunfire of fifty prison staff members on January 7, 2023. Approximately, 20 police officers and prisoners, who were detained because of their violations against military law, also participated in the violence within the prison, in addition to the prison staff.
4. This incident is one of several instances of torture and abuse inside prisons that the military has been committed in since February 1, 2021. The Ministry of Human Rights of the National Unity Government is greatly concerned about the situation of many unjustly imprisoned civilians, who are still being detained even though military terrorist group issued the amnesties.
5. The National Unity Government, Ministry of Human Rights will continue to document this kind of violence and torture inside the prison and extrajudicial killings, and the ministry will maintain its effort to bring justice through various ways, including the coordination with respective international mechanism and United Nation agencies

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