

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Press release on complaints submitted to the Commission and inspection of
Prisons and detention centres
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1 The Commission received 277 complaint letters alleging human rights violations in 2021. With 31 remaining complaint letters from 2020, the Commission's inspection team meeting examined 308 complaint letters as follows:

(a)	Notification to relevant government departments organizations	72 cases
(b)	inform the complainants of requirements and suggestions	56 cases
(c)	Field inspection	1 cases
(d)	Compilation of records	179 cases
	Total	308 cases

2. The Commission also sent replies to the complainants regarding the complaints received by the commission.

3. A total of 179 cases was recorded as it was not necessary to scrutinize under Section 32, sub-sections (b) and (C) of the Commission Law and Section 37, sub-sections (a) and (b) of the Commission Law.

4. The most common types of complaints received by the Commission were land disputes (24.18%), police-related cases (5.41%), judicial cases (4.69%) and prison cases (4.33%), and Yangon Region accounted for the largest number of complaints at 30.68%, 14.44% from Bago Region, 10.83% from Mandalay Region and 10.1% from Sagaing Region.

5. The coordination notice was sent to the relevant Union ministries, Union-level organizations, Nay Pyi Taw Council, Region/State governments for scrutiny. The status of receiving 227 scrutiny letters in 2021 is as follows and relevant complainants were informed-

(a)	Response to 2018 complaints	2 cases
(b)	Response to 2019 complaints	14 cases

(c) Response to 2020 complaints	152 cases
(d) Response to 2021 complaints	59 cases
Total	227 cases

6. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission inspected 10 prison cells, one detention Centre, nine labor-camps, 12 police custodies and three remand cells and checked on whether they were in line with the UN minimum standards for the treatment of prisoners and whether the prisoners and detainees had humanitarian protection under the international and domestic human rights law.

7. The Commission submitted recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs for prison cells, provision of clean water, prison clinics and sanitation matters, access to family, access to health care, prison library, food, and the rights to vocational education. During the inspection, the Commission also inspected the status of implementation of the recommendations during the previous inspection and met 90 prisoners and detainees who wanted to meet the inspection team, and their reports were recorded, and the findings and recommendations were coordinated with relevant departments.

8. In 2021, the Commission inspected the Kyaikwaing Youth Training School and Girls' Training School (Malikha) in Mayangone and Girl's Training School in Htaukkyant in Mingaladon Township in accord with the provisions, rules and regulations of the Commission. It was inspected to ensure that the children in Youth Training Schools were under care in line with basic human rights such as access to health care, education, family reunification, and purified drinking water, and recommendations on the findings were sent to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

9. During the inspection tour to prisons, work camps and youth training schools and schools for the disabled in 2021, the Commission donated 3,560 books and notebooks containing Myanmar translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

10. Ways to file a complaint are occasionally published in newspapers and announcements are also made at www.mnhrc.org.mm. As human rights abuses include violations of child rights, women rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities, if you experienced any of such violations, please file a complaint.

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