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Burma pardons dozens political prisoners

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USPA News - Burma has announced a plan to free 56 political prisoners. It is the latest amnesty ordered by President Thein Sein.

The identities of those pardoned was not immediately known, but officials said they include members of armed ethnic minority groups. Dozens of dissidents remain jailed in the formerly military-ruled country, despite several rounds of presidential amnesties. Many governments around the globe welcomed the new announcement. A speaker for the german government said, Burma would be on "the right way". Since 2011, a new, nominally civilian government has released hundreds of political prisoners, relaxed media censorship, and allowed opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi to successfully run for parliament. During a visit to London in July, President Thein Sein promised to free all political prisoners by the end of the year.

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