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Myanmar: Amnesty International plans second visit

Today Amnesty International announced its upcoming visit to Myanmar after receiving confirmation from the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC, the Myanmar government). The visit will take place between 2 and 19 December 2003.

"Our concerns in Myanmar are wide-ranging. We are planning to discuss with the SPDC the human rights situation in the country, including the release of all prisoners of conscience; the administration of justice; and political imprisonment," said the organization's spokesperson.

The findings of a two person delegation will be made public after the mission.

This will be Amnesty International's second visit to Myanmar. The first ever trip took place between 30 January and 8 February 2003. At that time the delegation met with various government Ministers, and police and prison officials. They also met members of Myanmar civil society, including the National League for Democracy (NLD, Myanmar's main political party) and NLD General Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The delegates talked to representatives of various international organizations, and the diplomatic and business communities. They visited political prisoners at Insein Prison and at the Guard Ward of Yangon General Hospital.

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