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Eighty three prisoners serving jail term in various correctional facilities were given amnesty today, Myanmar new year's day, the 10th Waxing of Tagu, 1378 Myanmar Era (Sunday April 17, 2016), under Order 33/2016 of the President's Office, issued on April 16.

The prisoners were given amnesty according to Article 204, Sub-article (a) of the constitution, the order said. the presidential pardon was granted with an aim to bring about national reconciliation and to ensure the peace of mind of the people on this new year's occasion, said the presidential order.

On April 8, 199 'prisoners of conscience', including political activists and students facing trial connected with political causes, were released from prisons across the country, a day after State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi pledged to grant presidential pardon to political prisoners and other political activists.

Among them, there were 161 men, 36 women and two children, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

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