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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is closely following information that has been released recently, on the current situation at various prisons in Myanmar. We are deeply concerned about the increasing impact of COVID-19 in Myanmar, including in detention centers.

The ICRC is continuing its dialogue with prison authorities to resume its purely humanitarian visits and activities in places of detention, including Insein Prison, which have been on hold since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We reiterate our offer to support to address Covid-19 and health care in general in places of detention.

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