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RANGOON (AP) - A Burmese official says authorities have begun transferring some political prisoners from remote jails to facilities closer to their families in a move that may presage the release of other detainees.

The Home Ministry official says the transfers included some high-profile prisoners.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information.

A government-appointed human rights body urged the Burmese president November 13 to release political prisoners or transfer them to prisons close to their families, signaling such action may be imminent.

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