

Statistics on preventive visits of the National Preventive Mechanism on Torture (NPM) of the HRCSL from January 2024 to June 2024

The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture & Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) has introduced a new system for preventing torture called National Preventive Mechanism (NPM). The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) was designated the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) by the Government of Sri Lanka by a Cabinet Decision on 14 November 2017. In terms of its mandate the HRCSL solely monitors all detention centres and their descriptive activities under section 28(2) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Act, No 21 of 1996. The objective of the establishment of the NPM is to setup a system for regular visits to places where people are deprived of their liberty and to prevent all possible grounds for torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

	INSTITUTION	HEAD OFFICE/ REGIONAL OFFICE											
No.		Head Office	Ampara	Anuradhapura	Badulla	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kandy	Kalmunai	Matara	Nuwaraeliya	Trincomalee	Vavuniya
01.	Prisons	18	-	03	01	02	01	01	-	01	-	02	-
02.	Disabled Homes	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-
03.	Drug Rehabilitation Centers	04	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
04.	TID/CID	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
05.	Children's Homes	06	03	03		02	01	01	04	04	02	02	-
06.	Immigration Detention Centers	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
07.	Mental Health Hospitals	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08.	Elders' Homes	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09.	Police Stations (no. of Routes)	-	04	-	-	02	01	03	05		03	02	01
	Total	36	08	06	02	06	03	05	10	05	05	06	01

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