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Tēnā koe

We refer to your email of 25 July 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1- *New Zealand citizens registered with MFAT currently held in prison, detention or local Government pre-trial facilities in South East Asia including Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and Indonesia.*
- 2- *State their current prison or facility name they are located within.*
- 3- *For each, please state their charges faced and/or convictions if convicted already.*
- 4- *For those incarcerated, please state their date incarcerated, sentences handed down and expected release dates if known.*

We note that we have interpreted your request for 'South East Asia' to include: Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Information relevant to your request is set out in the table below and is also attached as an excel spreadsheet, as requested. We have withheld the current prison or facility name, the date incarcerated and the expected release date under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; to protect individuals' privacy. This information is being withheld because the numbers of cases are very low, and the release of those details could allow identification of individuals.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Country	Prison/ Detention centre	Charges/ Convictions	Sentence
Indonesia	Prison	Narcotics	15 years
Philippines	Detention Centre	Undesirable alien due to previous criminal history	Under preliminary investigation
	Prison	Possession of narcotics & drug paraphernalia	Awaiting trial
Thailand	Prison	Drunk driving causing damage & no driver licence	Awaiting trial
	Prison	Narcotics	Life

Country	Prison/ Detention centre	Charges/ Convictions	Sentence
	Prison	Homicide	Life
Viet Nam	Prison	Robbery	Awaiting trial
	Prison	Embezzlement	Awaiting trial

This data is correct as of 1 August 2024

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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