

# The Detainees Aid Centre

In 1985 the Detainees Parents Support Committee (DPSC) established an advice office to help the affected families of those detained. In February 1988, the DPSC was restricted. In September 1988, the Detainees Aid Centre (D.A.C.) was established in order to address the needs of detainees and their families.

Families of those detained are assisted to obtain visits to their loved ones as visits are viewed by the authorities as a privilege and not as a right. A lawyer is instructed to represent the detainee if the family does not have its own lawyer.

D.A.C. provides track suits for each detainee and money is given for the detainee to buy from the prison shop.

On release, the detainee is interviewed and a statement is taken of his/her treatment and other aspects of his/her detention.

Every detainee is referred to the National Medical and Dental Association (NAMDA) medical panel for a medical check up and to the Detainee Counselling Service for counselling.

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