



Kriminalomsorgen Ila fengsel og forvaringsanstalt

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Ready to protect the community

- The Governor of Ila Prison, Mr. Knut Bjarkeid states that “we are ready to receive Mr. Behring Breivik if he is sentenced to preventive detention and also if he is sentenced to compulsory psychiatric care”.

The Correctional Services of Norway by way of Ila Prison have prepared for the incarceration of Mr. Behring Breivik if the court should convict him to compulsory psychiatric care and also if he is convicted to preventive detention.

The sentence will be passed by the Oslo District Court on Friday 24th of August.

If Mr. Behring Breivik is sentenced to compulsory psychiatric care, it may be handled through a cooperation with Dikemark Psychiatric Hospital, which will provide the treatment and care. The prison will provide the facilities and the security.

“Our job is to protect the community. That is also our job when it comes to a patient who is sentenced to compulsory psychiatric care”, says Mr. Bjarkeid.

Ila has prepared for handling either scenario. There are 67 places for preventive detention and a wing which may provide a regime of Particularly High Security has been constructed. Additionally, there are plans to start construction of a new wing for inmates who are not able to function in the ordinary prison population due to mental health problems. Part of this wing may easily be converted to a Particularly High Security Regime, if needed. The wing will be ready for use by the fall of 2013.

The Particularly High Security Wing

Mr. Behring Breivik has been in detention at Ila Prison under a regime of Particularly High Security for over one year now. He has been provided with three cells, two of which are converted to respectively a cell for physical exercise and a cell for reading and writing. The wing has its own separate space for airing the prisoner, which is secured with tall concrete walls and barbed wire.

A Regime of Particularly High Security is the strictest regime for inmates in Norway. It entails special security provisions in all areas. An inmate in such a regime is not allowed to meet inmates from other wings. He may, however, meet other inmates in the wing if it is deemed safe. The Regime of Particularly High Security puts a heavy strain on an inmate, especially if it lasts for a longer period. An inmate in such a regime is therefore followed up with increased contact with prison employees, as well as with education-, work- and other possibilities for various activities. The strict security provisions do, of course, limit what is possible to provide.

Continuous Security Assessments

The prison undertakes continuous security assessments which influence the security level each individual inmate is subjected to. This pertains to inmates sentenced to preventive detention and to other inmates, and will pertain to patients under compulsive psychiatric care in Ila as well.

As of now, we think there is a need to subject Mr. Behring Breivik to a particularly high security regime. We will, however, have the matter under continuous consideration.

On our home page www.ilafengsel.no you will find further information, as well as articles with photos showing you what the prison looks like on the inside.

There are also photos showing the particularly high security wing in which Mr. Behring Breivik has been placed during the last years.

[Photos](#) and [videos](#) (b-roll) may be downloaded for publishing.

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