National League for Democracy  
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Statement 25(8/98)

1. The authorities have denigrated and insulted respectable NLD members that were chosen by the people in free and fair multi party general elections by unjust process of law designed only for habitual criminals who commit the worst of crimes.

2. The manner in which the authorities have acted is set out below.
   a) A resolution taken at the NLD party conference held on 27-28 May 1998 declared "that the Central Executive Committee notify the authorities of the fixing of a dead-line for the convening of parliament"
   b) In implementing that resolution, the NLD sent a formal request on 23-6-98 to the Chairman of the SPDC to convene parliament on or before the 21st August 1998. Immediately after this request NLD parliamentarians were arrested.

3. The authorities have not only acted against the NLD parliamentarians but have also taken action without justification against all the organising committees and personnel at state, division, township and village levels.

4. These actions of the authorities are totally unacceptable to the NLD and the leaders have a duty and responsibility to visit and support and encourage the oppressed and their families which practice is in conformity with Burmese culture and social obligations.

5. Therefore, the General Secretary and U Hla Pe, (Chairman of the Irrawaddy Division Organising Committee) have to-day at 10:15 a.m, set out on a highway by car for Bassein.

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