National League for Democracy
No: (97/B), West Shwegondine
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Statement 32 (8/98)

1. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, General Secretary of the NLD and her party were travelling peacefully to Bassein to comfort and raise the morale of the NLD parliamentarians-elect and their families when the authorities blocked the road near Anyasu in Htantabin township. It is now nine days and they have exhausted all their supply of food and water.

2. The report of her personal physician who saw her yesterday is as follows:-
   (a) Her health is deteriorating.
   (b) The eyes are yellow.
   (c) Though there is intake of water, urine is little.
   (d) A few drops of blood is taken to be tested to know exactly if there is kidney damage or not.
   (e) Blood pressure is low.
   (f) Her spirit and that of her group are high.

3. Should the health of the general secretary deteriorate further, her desire is that she be treated by her own physician at her residence.

4. Any consequent result from the condition of the health of the general secretary will be the entire responsibility of those who have blocked her passage and those who have given the orders for such blockage.

5. The General Secretary and her party will return to Rangoon only if all NLD members and parliamentarians-elect who has been arrested after the 27 May, 1998 are released unconditionally and immediately. Therefore, we ask that they be released.

6. If this materialises, it will be the first step in achieving a positive outcome from the deliberations that took place on 18-8-98n between the Chairman of the NLD and Secretary 1 of the State Pwace and Development Council. A head-on confrontation, which is undesirable should be avoided.

Central Executive Committee

Rangoon

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