National League for Democracy  
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1. The National League for Democracy is a legally constituted political party and registered as such under the Political Parties Registration Law. As such the league has its head office, its signboard, its flag and its seal and other devices which are necessary symbols of any respectable organisation.

2. The authorities frequently grab and arrest members who leave the head office and thrust them into waiting motor vehicles. A specific example of this is that of Maung Mya Sein, a member of the youth wing, who was leaving the head office building on 8.9.98 at about 4:00 p.m.

3. At the time of this incident, many members inside the office who saw what happened were very indignant and had to be pacified. This offensive behaviour by the authorities is an affront and insult to the National League for Democracy and could cause loss of respect for the authorities. Moreover, it can lead to undesirable and head on confrontation. Therefore such action is strongly condemned.

Central Executive Committee  
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