1. Thakin Khin Nyint (age 85), NLD elected member of parliament, was arrested on 6 September 1998. He is elected from Magwe Division, Yenangyaung township (constituency No 1) and is a veteran politician.

2. He has informed this office that after he was arrested he was placed in custody at a certain military base and on the 14 September the authorities that had arrested him said
"Father, we will be sending you back". He replied " I will not go home if there are any conditions attached. I will remain here or you can send me anywhere you want ". They then said, " No restrictions will be placed on you, Father." Thakin Khin Nyint then replied " If that is the case I will return home and then I will be going to the NLD". Their response to this was " Father it is your decision. Do what you wish, go where you like, do whatever you want."

3. The arresting authorities unconditionally released Thakin Khin Nyint on the 14 September at 17:00 hours and returned him to his home. Thakin Khin Nyunt's behaviour was in accordance with the policy laid down by the NLD.

4. On the 2nd August 1998, U Kyi Toe, NLD Chairman of the Magwe Township Organising Committee and ten other members were arrested in connection with the distribution of two "Messages to the Nation by the General Secretary". Those two massages were dated 23 July 1998 and had already been distributed.

5. The report that has reached us is that while making the above arrests, U Than Win, a member of the NLD was blindfolded and beaten after which eight members were released. The chairman U Kyi Toe and another member U Aung Than Nyint were charged under section 16 of the law relating to publications and distribution.

6. The case was tried on the 13 August, 1998 in camera. No member of the public was allowed to be present. Judgment was passed on 14 August in the police station where they were being held. They were sentenced to 7 years with hard labour. This procedure is in violation of laws relating to judicial procedure which requires that trials be held in public.

7. Our information is that the authorities responsible in this matter were from the military intelligence and their names are given below:-
Captain Kyaw Soe Oo
Warrant Officer Ba Thein
Warrant Officer Ohn Myint
Corporal Ko Ko Maung
Lance Corporal Kyaw Thu Aung
Ko Ko Aung
Ko Tun Oo

8. The National League for Democracy strongly condemns such illegal activities of the authorities and makes this publication.

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