National League for Democracy  
No: (97/b) West Shwegondine Road  
Bahan, Rangoon  

Statement No: 65 (9/98)  

1. The number of the NLD members who have been illegally taken into custody by the authorities between the 27 May 1998 and September 1998 are as follows:-  

Elected parliament members..................................196  
Members of Organising Committees  
(States/divisions/townships/wards and villages)....686  

TOTAL....................................................................882  

2. The arrests have not stopped to this day. The method of arrest is similar to those used in apprehending the worst criminals.  

3. These arrests take place in public places in the presence of the travelling public. This instils fear in the minds of the people who witness the modus operandi of the arresting authorities and cause them to react violently.  

4. On the 18 September, U Tin Myint, Secretary of the Organising Committee, Thingangyun township, was arrested on the Number 42 bus (public transport) by the MIS. On the 21st September, the authorities tried to capture Ma Cho Cho and Ma Khin Khin Hlaing members of the Youth Wing, Thaketa township at the bus stand in Shwegondine. Out of the group involved in this incident was one Yan Myo Aung, (MIS, Navy) who uttered the following threat, "Prepare to die if you are caught". The MIS personnel surrounded the residence of those two young girls at night.  

5. The above incidents are ugly and disgraceful and should never happen. They amount to abuse of authority to the extreme and is designed to erode the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood. We strongly condemn such actions.  

Central Executive Committee  
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