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1. NLD members that have been illegally arrested since the 27 May 1998 by the authorities are:- 
   Elected Parliament members    200
   Organising committee members from all levels    712

   These arrests are illegal and in complete violation of the "rule of law" which the authorities proclaim.

2. The authorities claim that the purpose of such arrests are for "discussions" to look good in the eyes of the people and the international community.

3. Their claim is absolutely false, (repeat absolutely false). The questions that are put to them which have to be answered will bear evidence to this fact. Some of these questions are:-

   (1) What is your attitude to the present political direction being taken by the NLD?
   (2) What are your views regarding the convening of parliament by the NLD?
   (3) What are your predictions about the consequences if the Parliament is not convened?
   (4) If the Parliament is convened how will it impact on the politics, economics, education, and social welfare of the country?
   (5) What is your attitude towards the State Peace and Development Council?
   (6) What is your attitude towards the authorities for arresting you?

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