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STATEMENT 89 (10/98)

Contents of the letter dated 15 October 1998 from the Chairman of the National League for Democracy to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council is reproduced below for information.

(f) "Subject- State of health and living conditions of NLD members arrested and imprisoned.

1. Up to the 13 October 1998, the number of innocent NLD parliamentarians-elect, members of organising committees from the states, divisions, townships, villages and wards and other ordinary members who have been illegally attested and imprisoned for no justifiable reason are:-

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<td>Parliamentarians-elect</td>
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<td>Members of organising committees and others</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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2. We have received information that these individuals who have been illegally arrested are being held in various places all over the country. Some have been sent to the jail in Insein and it is likely that others will be imprisoned in other jails.

3. We have heard that the authorities are not feeding those other individuals who have not yet been sent to the jails. They use illegal means and demand food from private food sellers and sometimes they take more than the required amount to feed them.

4. These actions are highly improper and should never be performed. The authorities who have taken into custody innocent individuals for no legitimate reason are entirely responsible for their food, living conditions, health and safety. Should they suffer in any way or any harm come to them the authorities will be held accountable.

5. We therefore ask that all the persons that have been illegally arrested and imprisoned be immediately and unconditionally released. " (END)

The Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
15 October 1998