National League for Democracy  
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Statement 102 (11/98)  

Contents of letter dated 6 November 1998 from the Chairman of the National League for Democracy to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council regarding the closure and termination of its organising committees in the townships are herewith published for information.  

"(beginning)  

1. The National League for Democracy was legally registered as a political party on 27 September 1998 with the Multiparty Democratic Elections Commission and is operating with the national interest as its goal.  

2. The military intelligence service personnel have been illegally and without any justification exercising excessive authority in arresting and imprisoning its elected representatives to parliament, its members of organising committees and other ordinary members who have committed no offence whatsoever but have been performing their duties and operating within the laws in force. Some members have been falsely charged with criminal offences and heavy penalties imposed on them.  

3. Besides the above, the military intelligence is illegally and without justification forcing and putting pressure on the persons so arrested to resign from the NLD. In addition, the families of the members are being persecuted.  

4. Not only have they forced the arrested members to resign but have forced them to illegally terminate and close down the branches of the NLD. Closure of branches can only be done by the NLD when there are necessary and sufficient grounds for so doing. Persecuting and forcing the closures of its branches is an unlawful act.  

5. The military intelligence personnel are actually making dark blotches in Burma's history in using force and persecuting the members of the National League for Democracy.  

6. We ask that the above operations be immediately halted and that the responsible individuals giving the directions for such activities be accordingly instructed. The National League for Democracy strenuously objects and denounces such activities. (end) "

Central Executive Committee  
National League for Democracy
Rangoon
9 November 1998.