1. Having its goal as the establishment of a democratic system in the country, the National League for Democracy sought and obtained registration as a political party on 27 September 1998 under the Political Parties Registration Law which was promulgated by the rulers who assumed state powers. The provision of Chapter 2, Section 3 read:-

" Application for registration by any one of the following organisations is prohibited-

(a) An organisation declared to be an illegal association under any of the laws in force,

(b) An organisation that is engaged in armed insurrection against the state,

(c) An organisation that directly or indirectly receives and utilises any moneys, buildings, motor vehicles, or any other property belonging to the state,

(d) An organisation that directly or indirectly receives and utilises any moneys, or properties or support from a foreign government or religious body or any other organisation,

(e) An organisation that misuses religion for political gain,

(f) An organisation whose membership comprises any member of the peoples' armed force, peoples' police force or other security forces, any person working in the civil service, state owned commercial enterprises, boards or corporations earning salaries the state treasury,

2. The National League for Democracy obtained registration because there was no infringement of any of the above prohibitions. This means that registration would not have been obtained had there been a single infringement at the time of application and can be cancelled if a subsequent infringement occurred.

3. Registration of the National League for Democracy automatically includes the registration of the Central Head Office, the branches at all levels, States, Divisions, Townships, Wards/Villages, the different classified sections and wings established by the central body such as the farmers, the workers, the traders, the women and the youth.
4. The demolition and destruction of the limbs of an organisation established in conformity with the provision of law made by the rulers, through the military intelligence services that are under their control, without any legitimate cause is a violation of law by the law makers themselves.

5. The diabolical methods employed by the military intelligence personnel in their acts of destruction are as given hereunder:-

(1) NLD MPs elect who are holding positions of Chairman or Secretary of organising committees at township level have been unlawfully arrested and remain imprisoned for no legitimate reason.

(2) Non MPs elect holding positions of Chairman or Secretary and all members of organising committees in that township have been similarly arrested and remain imprisoned.

(3) Instead of honestly admitting these facts they are deceitfully broadcasting that consultations are taking place. What is really happening is that interrogations are conducted in a similar manner to persons committing crimes. No courtesy or consideration is shown towards the individuals in accordance with their positions or gender. The attitude and manner of the interrogators is base and vindictive.

(4) Permission for families to visit them at the holding stations have been granted to some but not to all. The crafty and foul methods employed are intended to cause division and discontent among the members of the NLD.

(5) By the use of force, threats, intimidation and torture they are made to resign their positions in the organising committees and from the NLD. Our information is that some have been beaten.

(6) Obstructive tactics are used against the families so that they are disadvantaged in matters relating to their jobs and personal well-being.

(7) Where members and relatives of the families concerned are holding government positions, they are forced to resign and illegally dismissed or they may be transferred to outlandish posts.

(8) NLD members are illegally evicted from premises that are state-owned in violation of the tenancy laws that are in force.

(9) NLD branches that have been unable to effectively function for many years have been made to close down to give the appearance that there has been a voluntary dissolution.

6. Other tactics employed are through a deliberate campaign by the Military Intelligence personnel who call at the homes and apply pressure
by telling lies and threats to dismember the organisation such as:-

(1) The elderly members of the NLD should resign because the NLD had no use for them.

(2) When the NLD was dissolved, the members would all be sentenced to 7 years imprisonment and that it could be worse later. That the NLD would soon be dissolved by the authorities.

(3) That before matters got worse, the MIS was giving this warning. Later they would not be in a position to do anything.

(4) We, the Military Intelligence, are not telling you to resign.(note-it is only a matter of giving illegal pressure)

(5) There is no meaning in remaining a member of the NLD. It lowers the reputation of the locality.

(6) If you resign you will be given equal privileges in social and economic matters. Some members have been falsely promised a sum of two million Kyats to get their resignations.

(7) Even if foreign ships enter Burma's waters, things will not change.

(8) Some village councils have issued notices to members stating date, time and place and required them to attend at specified military intelligence units. This can be only for the purpose of obtaining involuntary resignations.

7. The military intelligence personnel have taken it upon themselves to individually campaign against the NLD by phone calls and house visits four or five times a day to apply pressure and get resignations which reveals with what hatred and venom they regard the organisation.

8.(a) Members of the NLD have resisted all pressure from the authorities for ten whole years because of their strong conviction and determination to obtain democracy and human rights for their country. This needs to be commended and we do so accordingly.

(b) Until and unless democracy and human rights are attained there is no hope for stability, prosperity or social advancement for this country. Democracy is our goal. Those who are placing obstacles in the path of attaining democracy are solely responsible for lack of progress in the country.

(c) Democratic countries are enjoying economic and social advancement and these democratic countries are the ones who are assisting the undeveloped countries.
9. (a) The demolition and destruction of NLD branches in the township by the military intelligence services is unlawful. The NLD has legally constituted in accordance with the provision of law decreed by the authorities and for the military intelligence to wilfully adopt crafty and evil methods to dismember the organisation is disgraceful and roundly denounced by us. We condemn all illegal, and unlawful use of power and exercise of authority by the military intelligence services. All such operations can never be for the advancement of peace and stability of the country.

(b) We urge the higher echelons in the military intelligence services to order their underlings to immediately stop their illegal activities. If they fail to do so the responsibility for consequential events will be their entire responsibility.

10. We place on record the determination and laudable stand taken by the members of the NLD who have not caved in despite the pressure and persecutions rained on them by the military intelligence. Our congratulations to the organising committee members for their courage and persistence. We urge all our NLD MPs elect, members of organising committees and ordinary members to strictly and steadfastly abide by our policies and convictions with great determination and discipline.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

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