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

STATEMENT 114 (12/98)

Letter dated 26 November 1998 from the Chairman of the NLD to the  
Chairman of the Multiparty Elections Commission is distributed for  
everyone's information.

Central Executive Committee  
National League for Democracy  

1 December 1998.

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Letter Number 119, See (chan) /98  
Dated 26/11/98

To  
U Ba Htay,  
Chairman  
Multiparty Elections Commission,  
Union of Burma

Subject.......Decapitation of the branches of the National League for  
Democracy

1. On 27 September 1988, the National League for Democracy was duly  
registered under the provisions of the Political Parties Registration  
Law promulgated by the State Law and Order Restoration Council, now the  
State Peace and Development Council. The commission of which you are the  
chief accepted our application for registration.

2. The circumstances under which registration is prohibited are  
categorically enumerated in Chapter 2, Section 3 of the said law.

3. In law it is implied and understood that registration of the National  
League for Democracy means and includes all its branches in the States,  
Divisions, Townships, Wards and Villages and all other branches created
under other categories such as Farmers, Workers, Traders, Women and Youth.

4. Despite this position as legally constituted bodies, the authorities are decapitating the branches in the township and making it appear that it is the membership that is dissolving them. There is no truth or legality in the information that is being given out. The members are fully aware that dissolution of a branch is not within their competency.

5. The information and reports reaching us from our members is that the defenceless organising committee members are being illegally and mercilessly persecuted and hassled by the military intelligence units. Properties belonging to the NLD such as our signboards, flag, seals, papers and books etc, have been forcibly removed and handed over to the branches of the respective township multiparty elections commission offices. The fact is that the Elections Commission is not empowered to accept or deal with properties that are solely owned by the NLD. This is an unlawful entrustment of property.

6. The NLD branches that have been decapitated as of 26 November 1998 are

Mon State - Thanbyuzayat township, Belin township.
Yakhine state - Akyab township, Ponnagone township, Myauk-Oo township, Kyauktaw township, Minbya township.
Shan state - Mongkhat township, Mongyan township, Taunggyi township,
Yangon Division- Seikkyi Khannaungto township
Irrawaddy Division - Pyapon township
Pugu Division - Thanatpin township

(Sign)
Chairman
National League for Democracy

Copies to:-
1. Chairman, State Peace and Development Council
2. Office of the relevant Multiparty Elections Commission in the States/Divisions
3. Office of the relevant Multiparty Election Commission in the townships
4. Office of the relevant NLD organising committees in the States/Divisions
5. Office copy