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1. Since September 1998, most of the NLD parliamentarians-elect, members of organising committees from the States, Divisions, Townships, Wards, villages and other ordinary members have been illegally arrested and imprisoned by the military intelligence units. But the newspapers and the military strategy studies department have deceitfully published this as "invitation to the state guest house". The invitees are given no choice to attend or not to attend, nor can they return to their homes if and when they so desire. Therefore the truth is that they have been forcefully and illegally arrested and imprisoned.  

2. The department of military studies and local newspapers claim that "the purpose of so doing is to explain the position of the authorities regarding the convening of parliament in the absence of any constitution and to seek their views on the matter." In fact and in truth what is happening is that they are being illegally held and pressurised by means of criminal intimidation to resign from the positions they hold and to dissolve the township branches in which they are operating. (Note: At this point it is relevant to question why the authorities held a multiparty election in May 1990 in the absence of a constitution.)  

Section 3 of the People's Parliament Elections Law states that "the Hluttaw (parliament) must be convened comprising representatives of the constituencies elected in accordance with the provisions of this law." We now ask the question--"Is there a lapse of memory or a deliberate contravention of this law?" The announcement appearing in the newspapers regarding the dissolution and resignations of NLD members bear evidence to the illegal activities and the use of force and pressure that is being applied to obtain results in keeping with their unlawful infringements.  

3. (a) Being aggrieved by the criminal offences and unlawful methods employed by the Military Intelligence Services to cause the dissolution of the branches of the National League for Democracy a direct complaint has been filed in the Supreme Court on 30 November 1998 under Chapter 4 Section 4(a) of the Judicial Law for necessary action in accordance with law to be taken against the Chief of the National Intelligence Bureau.  

(b) The Judicial law was decreed on 26-9-88 by the previous State Law and Order Council, presently known as that State Peace and Development Council.  

Section 4(a) of Chapter 4 contains the following provision:--  
"The jurisdiction of the supreme Court extends to:  

(a) original criminal offences........  
(b) .............................................  
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