STATEMENT 118 (12/98)

Letter dated 2 December 1998 from the Chairman of the National League for Democracy to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council is published and distributed for information.

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"Subject-- Objection to the news item appearing on page 16 (2 December 1998) of the Myanmar Alin newspaper with the caption "Moulmeingyun township NLD - dissolved"

1. The fact that all the daily newspapers published in Myanmar are rigidly monitored and completely under the control of the authorities cannot be denied by anyone.

2. In the Myanmar Alin daily newspaper (2 December 1998) the news about the Irrawaddy Division is captioned "Moulmeingyun township NLD dissolved". The contents of the article relates only to resignations of the membership.

3. It is observed that the caption does not accurately describe the situation as set out in the text of the article. This is a reflection of the deliberate mean and vindictive attitude of the publication for which the controlling authorities will have to take full responsibility.

4. The National League for Democracy strongly protests such publications"

END

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