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1. The Military Intelligence (MI) has been illegally, without cause or justification, arresting and incarcerating NLD Hluttaw representatives and NLD members in the States, Divisions, Townships, Wards and Villages. Some have been arrested since July and others since September 1998.

2. Arrest and incarceration of persons who have committed no offence whatsoever without legal authority reflects a state of lawlessness in the country.

3. The Military Intelligence is compelling NLD parliamentarians to resign from their positions and the party. Members of the organisations are being compelled to resign from their positions and the party. Members of the organisation are being compelled to resign in contravention of the law. These measures amount to criminal offences for which charges can be laid against the offenders under Section 503 and 506 of the Law of Crimes. Arresting, incarcerating and forcing their victims to resign their positions are activities that should never be done. It is most disgraceful behaviour.

4. Our information is that Major Sithu (MI 6) and Major Thura (a) Nay Soe (MI12) are personally involved in the operation of getting the forced resignation of NLD Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. If the rule of law is to prevail as proclaimed by those in authority, we urge that steps be taken to halt the activities that have been mentioned above.

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