National League for Democracy  
No. (97/B), West Shwegondine Road 
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1. Members of the NLD were summoned in writing by the Military Intelligence through the several Ward Chairmen of Mindon Township in Magwe Division to attend without fail at their office on the 29th, 30th, and 31st January. Those members who were away cutting bamboo or for the purpose of purchasing cows all had to be informed and brought in.

2. They were told by the MI that before long the NLD would be declared an illegal organisation and all members would be arrested and proceeded against. They were given three days notice. Some who were overtaken by fear were threatened and forced to sign prepared letters of resignation. Bullying tactics were used against those who didn't sign and forced to work on projects designated by them (MI). Also, they confiscated whatever they wanted for their own use. The MI group comprised Sergeant Shwe Hla Maung (appeared to be the leader), a corporal and Lance corporal Win Toe.

3. The NLD members had no desire to resign. Those who refused were incarcerated in a place within the military unit and pressure was applied. For example; the printing license of a person making a living by operating a small printing machine was withdrawn and unwarranted accusations and false charges laid against the person engaged in selling and buying goods.

4. We have been informed about a cover up of the death of a person at the hands of the chairman of the ward administration unit and one member of the MI which occurred a month ago. The facts relate to one Nga Maung, son of one Daw Kyi Sein of Kyauk-taing village in Mindon Township. He was posted to Infantry Battalion No:92 and had returned on home leave. It was alleged that he was demanding money claiming to be a member of the MI. With the assistance of Sergeant Shwe Hla Maung, and Lance Corporal Khaing Too, the Chairman of the Village Administration U Aye Maung, Nga Maung was arrested and interrogated. Constable Nga Maung died as a result of their "beyond the limit" measures. The cause of death recorded on the death certificate is "high blood pressure caused through fright". His mother Daw Kyi Sein was paid Kyats ten thousand and told to keep her mouth shut. No one in Mindon dares to talk about the matter.

5. We urge the authorities to investigate the above matter and to proceed in accordance with the law against those responsible.
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