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START  

" Subject- Convening a public meeting  

1. The National League for Democracy is a legally constituted national political party and as such it has a legitimate duty to perform tasks for the good of the country and the advancement of its party such as holding public meetings, party meetings, printing and publishing information etc.  

2. On the 2nd March 1999, the National Unity Party which is another political party as is the National League for Democracy, convened a public meeting with signboards bearing the words "Rangoon Division Organising Committee and the Farmers and Cultivators Seminar".  

3. Under present circumstances and conditions, no meeting can he held except by the authorities or with their permission. This is a statement of fact that is one hundred percent correct. The public meeting organised at Asugyi village tract, Htantabin township, Rangoon division could only have been held with the permission of the authorities. This can not be denied.  

4. If the principle of "equality in law" is applied, the National League for Democracy should be permitted to hold a public meeting in the same way that a similar political party, the National Unity Party was granted.  

5. Therefore permission is sought to hold a public meeting where the Htantabin township, Rangoon Division, National League for Democracy can meet the people of Rangoon Division just as the National Unity Party were granted. permission."  

END  

Central Executive Committee  
National League for Democracy  

Rangoon  
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