National League for Democracy  
No. (97/B), West Shwegondine Road  
Bahan Township, Rangoon

STATEMENT 86 (7/99) (translation)

1. We have heard that papers indicating resignations of 221 NLD members from South Okkalapa were submitted on 28 May 1999 at a function held in Thiriyadana Hall at the Number 1 (Basic education) High School.

2. The National League for Democracy is still a registered and legally constituted political organisation. Membership rules and procedure for acceptance of new members, resignation and removal exist and are being followed. These are matters that concern the internal working of the party which no authority, organisation or person has the right or power to usurp to demean the party. It is an arrogant disregard of natural justice.

3. The League has full knowledge of the maneuvering and how the authorities and their associates applied pressure to make the members resign. (The list of names of persons who conspired in the exercise is appended).

4. The function was attended by about 90 persons mainly from the following groups:-  
   (1) The authorities and those obligated to them for business and social reasons. 
   (2) Personnel from respective government departments.  
   (3) Staff members of the township PDC.  
   (4) Members of the ward PDC.  
   (5) Staff members of Development Councils.  
   (6) Red Cross and Fire Brigade members.  
   (7) USDA members.  
   (8) Others who were duped with the promise that they would be given recognition in the census list.

5. Those who declared that they were resigning were not genuine members. Included in the list were:-  
   (a) individuals who had already distanced themselves from the League unwillingly out of fear, intimidation, and hardships.  
   (b) Individuals who are members but are in government service.  
   (c) Individuals who are members but had become members of the ward PDC.  
   (d) Individuals who are members but had become members of the USDA.  
   (e) Individuals who are members but had joined the Red Cross or Fire Brigade.  
   (f) Non-members and deceased members.

6. The announcement that appeared in newspapers published by the authorities on the 30 May 1999 contained the statement "because they
had no desire to participate in the political activities of the National
League for Democracy they had resigned of their own free will and that
notice of such resignations had been sent to the party involved".
However, up to date no such letters of resignation have been received
from the recipients of those resignations. This exposes their *mala fide*
intentions.

7. The township authorities and the Township Elections Commission
authorities and their cohorts who organised the function of NLD South
Okkalapa members' resignations have deliberately orchestrated the
occasion in order to diminish the reputation and integrity of the NLD
for which they deserve vehement condemnation.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
1 July 1999

APPENDIX

The list of names of persons who conspired in the exercise

1) Sergeant Myint Than Intelligence Unit (26)
2) Sergeant Myint Thein Intelligence Unit (26)
3) Corporal Kyaw Thein Intelligence Unit (26)
4) Lance Corporal Toe Win Intelligence Unit (26)
5) U Pho Thar Aung Chairman, Ward Peace and Development Council, No:(4) Ward, South Okkalapa
6) U Lu Tin Member, Same
7) U Khan Win Member, Same
8) U Nyi Win Member, Same
9) U Zaw Tun Member, Ward Peace and Development Council, No:(4) Ward, South Okkalapa
10) U Nay Soe Member, Same
11) U Thaung Nyunt Member, Same
12) U Aung Kyaw Moe Organiser, Union Solidarity and Development Association
13) U Soe Member, Ward Peace and Development Council, No:(7) Ward, South Okkalapa
14) U Maung Sein Member, Same
15) U Myat Soe Member, Same
16) U Thein Member, Same
17) U Thein Myint Member, Same
18) U Hla Myint Member, Same
19) U Aye Thwin Chairman, Ward Peace and Development Council, No:(12) Ward, South Okkalapa
9) U Khin Maung Than  
Chairman, Ward Peace and Development Council, No:(11) Ward, South Okkalapa