1. On the pretext that Red Cross training would be given, the township authorities have taken at least 2 or 3 adolescent boys from every village in Sin-baung-wei township, Magwe Division from the 1st of November 1999 and sent them to military camps for training. The cost for such training (Kyats 20,000 to Kyats 30,000 per 100 boys) has to be born by the villagers. We have heard that Pay-le village has paid over Kyats 30,000 and Kan-chaung village over Kyats 25,000. Explanation given is that it costs Kyats 6000 per month per person for food and uniforms.

2. Sin-baung-wei town rallying points are Ko-bin and Aye-ka-rit police stations for the eastern side and Saung-chan-taung police station for the western side where training has commenced. Every household from the villages on the eastern and western sides is required to pay Kyats 300 to 400 causing great hardship for the people.

3. Over and above that, cotton cultivators from Sin-baung-wei township, Magwe Division who in the past have relied on a group of people for advance payment are experiencing problems because on 31 October, 1999 Kyats 8000 had to be paid for the above purposes.

4. This illegal demand for money under the difficult circumstances that the people of Sin-baung-wei are facing is seriously opposed and denounced. We announce that those who are performing these unjust operations will be entirely responsible for the consequences.

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