

National League for Democracy
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Statement 3 (1/00) (translation)

1. Admonitions have emerged from the Venerable Sayadaw, Counselor and Advisor to the State, of Kachit-waing Monastery, Pegu, where Buddhist Scriptures are taught and preached and admonitions from the Venerable Sayadaw, head abbot of the Mahaghandayone Monastery at Amarapur, the State Central Sangha Mission .

2. The original two letters of the venerable masters were not received by the National League for Democracy. It was some time after they were written and distributed widely that copies came into our hands.

3. The National League for Democracy has not the slightest desire to impugn blame on anyone.

4. We firmly believe that out of the deep compassion our two great Sayadaws hold for their donors (men and women) these letters were written and that there was no instigation or prompting by or on behalf of the National League for Democracy.

5. After the emergence of these admonitions, the National League for Democracy met and decided that we should convey our appreciation to the Venerable Sayadaws and that we respect their compassionate concern for the people.

6. We believe that the venerable sayadaws compassionate concerns and admonitions do not amount to an interference in worldly affairs and politics but that because they can no longer be indifferent to the daily difficulties and struggles of the people they have rightly exercised their spiritual duties as decreed by the Lord Buddha himself whose teachings are accepted by all Burmese Buddhists.

7. We declare that the peoples wishes correspond with that of the National League for Democracy and that we are ready and willing to respectfully abide by the admonitions of the two venerable sayadaws.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
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