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

Statement 4 (1/00) (translation)

1. The destruction and ruination of NLD signboards continues in Monywa district and Monywa township as shown below:-
   (a) 21.12.99 - Monywa district, Yin-ma-bin township (NLD signboard)  
   (b) 26.12.99 - Monywa township, Le-te Quarter of Myoma Ward (NLD signboard)  
   (c) 27.12.99 - Monywa township, Hle-dan Quarters of Myoma Ward (NLD signboard)  
   (d) 3.1.00 - Monywa township NLD signboard was ruined at 12:38 midnight by a gang of thugs who threw acid on it and fled on motorcycles. Witnessed by the owner of the house.

2. These systematic and continuous destructive activities has angered and caused great resentment in the hearts of the people of the town. It has backfired and gained more sympathy and greater trust in the National League for Democracy.

3. The whole country knows who and why these dastardly and cowardly acts are being leveled at the National League for Democracy.

4. The entire country has full knowledge without any doubt that the culprits are those people who are vociferously threatening with tremendous animosity to destroy and completely demolish the NLD by every means. It is these people, their cohorts, their slaves, their dependants and master pleasers.

5. The NLD's legal standing and its right to function as a political organisation is being hemmed in and beset by those shameless, shortsighted, evil wielding authorities through devious ways. Starting from parliamentarians, NLD members in the States, Divisions, Townships, Wards and Villages are pressured, arrested and forced to resign illegally. Their activities are no longer executed surreptitiously. It has reached the stage where they have resorted to tossing acid on NLD signboards - contemptible and undisciplined behaviour to the abhorrence of the whole country.

6. Not just signboards. The lives and property of the NLD members are at risk now. Should this eventuate, the authorities will have to take full blame.

7. The National League for Democracy denounces these sly, underhand and cowardly activities in the strongest terms possible.

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