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Burma, a signatory to the International Declaration of Human Rights is violating the provisions of Articles 6,7,9,12, 18,19, 20 in arresting and keeping under detention honorable NLD members of parliament since 6 September 1998. Right up to date they have not been accused of violating any provisions of law. Therefore it must be concluded that it is deliberately out of hatred and spite.

The MPs from Rangoon Division used to be taken back to their homes and families fortnightly.

Without any reason whatsoever, this practice has stopped since the month of March this year. This long separation from their families is liable to have negative effects on the physical and mental health of the individuals. We stress that this is a reminder to the military dictators that they will be responsible for any consequences to life and limb of the people they are now holding in their custody.

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