

NLD Statement 77/2000:

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Statement 77(5/00) (translation)

Contents of letter dated 30 May sent by the Chairman, NLD to the Chairman, SPDC are published for information to all.

" (Start) Subject - Illegal arrests ,imprisonment and torturous interrogation.

The military dictators illegally arrested and imprisoned 15 members of the NLD Pegu Division, Pegu Township organising committee of which three are women. They are innocent and have not offended the law but have been kept in solitary confinement since the 22 May 2000 at the No 1, Pegu jail. These individuals are nationals who of their own free will are working towards the attainment of democracy in the country.

We have received information that they are being interrogated by a detachment of the military intelligence unit 3 and police personnel under very cruel and torturous conditions with hoods over their faces for entire days and nights. Those military dictators are violating the articles of the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights to which this country is a signatory.

We give notice that should anyone of the said fifteen members be in any way physically or mentally injured because of the torture and persecution meted out to them in this illegal arrest and imprisonment, the entire military dictators in Pegu will be held totally responsible.

We demand that these innocent victims be immediately and unconditionally released. (End)"

Central Executive Committee
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Rangoon
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