NLD Statement 79/2000:

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Statement 79(6/00) (translation)

1. We know that the Magwe Division, Taungdwingyi township NLD flag and signboard were brought down and seized by a mob led by the Township Electoral Commission staff.

2. This occurred in the afternoon (2:00 p.m.) of the 20 May 2000.

3. We know that the following persons were involved in the said aggressive assault:-

1. U Thein Kyi (expelled NLD member)
2. U Saung (said to be a director-general)
3. U Soe Lwin (township judge)
4. U Myo Myint (township grade 3 legal officer)
5. U Aye Myint (township police chief)
6. A police superintendent.
7. Two deputy police superintendents.
8. Six police constables.
9. U Hla Shwe (broker and Election Commission member)
10. U Soe Lwin (Election Commission Secretary)
11. U Thein Pe (Retired school teacher)
12. U Zaw Lay(Ten house head)
13. U Kyaw Sein

4. Appraisal of the facts reveal the personalities and components of the gangs operating in Burma. Not only is the NLD, a legally constituted political party abiding by and operating according to the laws promulgated by the military dictators, they are peacefully performing their party functions and duties which requires them to honor the results of the 1990 general elections, convene parliament and work hand in hand with the nationalities political parties to restore democracy to Burma. This objective is so completely revolting for the military dictators that together with some of the departments under their authority they are doing their utmost to destroy the NLD. The above abominable tactics are being employed. This causes shame and disgrace to the reputation of the country and we condemn them in the strongest terms.

5. This illegal, bullying abuse of authority by those in power in Taungdwingyi will in no way halt the political activity for unity and democracy. The organisers will continue with their duties.

Central Executive Committee
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