

NLD Statement 80/2000:

National League for Democracy
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Statement 80(6/00) (translation)

1. The Elections Commission branch office at Kawlin township in Sagaing division had been repeatedly demanding and threatening the NLD organising committee members there to produce party membership lists and particulars and coercing them to sign resignation forms. But the committee members refused and gave legitimate reasons, which were in accordance with instructions sent to them from NLD head office.
2. This has displeased the township authorities and we have been informed that the members are being victimized with false charges and plans are being made for destruction of the branch by force.
3. The village PDC members went to the house of U Thein Han (NLD organising committee member of Kawlin township) on the 8th May, 2000 at about 4:00p.m. and questioned him about the indigenous medicines he produces. They left at about 5:00 p.m. confiscating 30 packets of A-YU-THU-KHA medicine he had packaged. This seizure alleged to be under the Native Medicines Law was an excuse to facilitate the destruction of the NLD.
4. Also, it has been reported to us that on the 8th May, 2000 at about 3:00 p.m. three middle school teachers, (one the daughter of U Aung Khin, the second the daughter of U Kyi Yone, and the third the wife of U Ye Myint) were summoned by the Township Director of Education and instructed to see that their fathers and husband resigned from the NLD. They were also given to understand that orders had been relayed to them from above.
5. This is surely disgraceful and base and we condemn these tactics as loathsome. We proclaim that this trouble making for families of NLD members will ultimately be the responsibility of the authorities.

Central Executive Committee
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Rangoon
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