

NLD Statement 84/2000:

National League for Democracy
No: (97/B), West Shwegonedine Road
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Statement 84(6/00) (translation)

1. The "Htoo Trading Company" purchased and constructed a timber terminal jetty on buffalo grazing grounds on the eastern bank of the Irrawaddy river in the Kon-baung village tract (Sagaing Division, Katha township).
2. For the transportation of timber to that terminal by motor vehicles, roads were built across plantations causing great loss of produce to the cultivators.
3. There was no consideration and consultation with the owners of those plantations.
4. The transporting vehicles further transgressed on adjoining plantations when passing or overtaking each other thus causing even more destruction to the crops.
5. We have information that the owners of those plantations are aggrieved not only because they have lost the lands, which they have used for cultivating their crops, but the crops already planted too are being destroyed.
6. The proper procedure would be to consider one's fellowmen and planning of any project should be not just for the benefit of private individuals and companies but with proper consultation and appropriate compensation for those who are affected adversely.
7. We urge that the grievances of the cultivators be taken into account and action taken to rectify the situation.

Central Executive Committee
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Rangoon
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