NLD Statement 101/2000:

National League for Democracy
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Statement 101 (7/00) (translation)

1. The residents of Aung-tha-ya Ward (Mogok, Mandalay division) were ordered by the ward authorities to assemble at the Primary School No:(87) at 10:00 a.m. on 3 May 2000 with their household census lists.

2. These lists were collected by members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA) who copied the particulars from these lists on to printed forms which they brought with them. One member from each household was made to sign on the dotted line on behalf of all the members of the household.

3. When some people questioned why their signatures were required the reply given by U Khwa Lone, a member of the USDA was "your signature is required to indicate loss of confidence in NLD Pyithu Hlutaw Representative U Bo Hla Tint and Daw May Hnin Kyi, (Constituency 1 and 2) and for the dissolution of the NLD". They were also told that those who did no sign would be listed for the records.

4. Some individuals did not approve of this deceitful and bullying method employed by the military anashins through their lackeys the USDA against the legally elected representatives of the people so they refused to sign. Instead they tore up the papers. Their names have been taken down as directed by U Khwa Lone we have been told.

5. The military’s pocket organisations such as the USDA, the ward authorities, and other organisations meticulously visited every household going from door to door enticing, threatening, cajoling and doing everything to obtain signatures from every 18 year old and above.

6. The orchestrated illegal demonstration to denounce the NLD parliamentarians was organised by the USDA for the 7 May 2000 but the attendance was poor. The crowd was boisterous and got out of hand. Before the completion of the program the crowd had to be dispersed.

7. The above illustrates that the USDA can wield authority over the government departments and other organisations. It is supposed to be a social welfare organisation but is being used as an instrument of destruction to bully and browbeat the people and to carry out the base and harmful designs of the military. We condemn these illegal activities of the USDA.

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