

NLD Statement 105/2000:

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Statement 105 (7/00) (translation)

1. The Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA) was formed under the Associations Law (SLORC Law 6/88 dated 30.9.88). As per the rules and regulations of the said law this association is not a political party. When it was formed it was publicly announced that it was not a political party but a purely social welfare organization.
2. However, only the military dictators who seized state power are patrons and form the central executive body of the organization. Fear is instilled into the people who are completely suppressed. This is a characteristic of the military dictator rulers. They imprison those who embrace the truth and discuss and hold views contrary to theirs. In laboring to hold on to power they resort to lies. They lie to the country and they lie to the whole world.
3. To enable them to cling to power they had to build up a power base composed of people who would do their bidding, who they nurtured and caused to grow rapidly and repeatedly. For this reason they created the Union Stability and Development Association (USDA) masked as an association for social welfare.
4. Now, USDA members under the direction of the military dictators are engaged in destructive exercises against what they term "Bad-doctrine NLD". They are forcing and bullying, threatening and cajoling, indulging without restraint in illegal acts, brutalizing and orchestrating boisterous "no-confidence" demonstrations demanding the dissolution of the NLD branches in every state, division, township, and ward. They bring down signboards. They engage thugs to physically assault the person and property of NLD leaders. NLD parliamentarians elect who refuse to resign as ordered by the military dictators have been targeted for persecution in devious ways.
5. The military dictators have the audacity and arrogance to proclaim through the press and media which is under their tight control that these base, disgraceful and shameful conduct is "the expression of the people's will". But the people in the country and the people in the wide world know that all their propaganda is distorted, untrue, perverted and falsified. It is like the old saying "The defecator is not embarrassed, but the onlooker is". The military dictators and their lackeys the USDA members are shameless bravados.
6. How the military dictators operate for the destruction of the NLD through their lackeys and home bred USDA members is enumerated hereunder.
7. On the 6 May, 2000, U Tin Htwe, Secretary of Oke-po USDA, produced a "confidential" document entitled Implementation of the program to hold demonstration calling for entire dissolution of the National League for Democracy. The demonstrations were to be targeted against two NLD parliamentarians elect U Tin U for Constituency No 1, and U San Maung for Constituency No 2, Pegu Division (West subdivision), Tharrawaddy District, Oak-po township.
8. The preface of the said document clearly stated that there should be negotiation with township authorities and all associations including NGO associations to get their participation in the demonstrations to denounce the two NLD parliamentarians elect and to call for the total dissolution of the NLD.
9. It was stated that the document was produced for the successful implementation of the plan to demolish the two Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and the NLD.
10. A central planning committee comprising public service personnel from different departments, administrative and authorities, and USDA members as follows:-

1. U Myo Nyunt Township PDC Chairman
2. U Hla Tun " member (1) member
3. U Tin Hla " " (2) "
4. U Htay Aung " secretary "
5. U Thein Htay legal officer "
6. Dr. Kyaw Lin Township doctor "
7. Daw Aye Myint Chief education officer "
8. U Maung Maung Khin Forest department chief "
9. U Chit Tee Education (retired) "
10. U Kyaw Swe Businessman "
11. U Kyaw Than Education (retired) "
12. U Lwin Min Deputy head "
13. U Win Kyaw Executive (Prome district) "
14. U Zaw Naing " "
15. U Ne Win " "
16. U Tin Htun U " "
17. U Myo Aung " "
18. U Than Lwin " "
19. Daw Mya Mya Min " "
20. Daw Moe Moe Ei " "
21. U Tin Htwe " Secretary

Other committees were

- (a) Arrangement and decoration committee
- (b) Transport and placement committee
- (c) Security committee
- (d) News and Information committee
- (e) Health services committee.

11. That secret planning document revealed the following under the title "Completed Planning Arrangements". "Under the directions and piloting of the Secretary of the Township USDA, the region was demarcated and responsibilities distributed between U Tin Htwe (Secretary) U Ne Win, U Than Lwin, U Myo Aung, U Zaw Naing. A time frame was set, and the tasks were spelled out for the successful completion of the plan. Commencing from the 25 April, 2000 they went down to their respective villages and met with the local organising chiefs and executives and Ya-Ya-Kha members. Instructions were given as to what had to be done to get the complete list and signatures of the voters through the assistance of the village local authorities. As a result of their cooperation, 75 % of the task had been accomplished." 12. In that document it was also shown that a total cost of over four lakhs thirty nine thousand and two hundred kyats from the people's treasury was the estimated cost of this deceitful staged function to be held on the 13 May 2000 at the Ah-Hta-Ka school football field and the Aye-mya-tha-ya playing field. The military dictators and their lackeys the USDA are not only attempting to bluff the people in this false, illegal and bullying way but they are trying to bluff themselves.

13. The USDA lackeys of the military dictators seem to have no regard for the historical significance of their actions. They have no understanding of the law. They cannot comprehend what "rule of law" means. Their own future, they cannot see. They care not about what will happen to their children and their grand children. Overnight they have gained power due to patronage of the dictators. Most of them are dull-witted not endowed with any foresight doing everything as required by the military dictators. Legally, the USDA is a social welfare organization and should confine its activities entirely to that area. They are acting on behalf and for the benefit of the SPDC in political matters, which is forbidden. They are not empowered to do so. They are offending the laws. Therefore we urge those members of the USDA with foresight to mend their ways in time. We denounce and strongly condemn the brazen and deceitful practices of the military dictators. We warn them to call a halt to this method of falsehood and deceitful manipulation of the people for the purpose of giving the country and the wide world out there a wrong impression.

Central Executive Committee
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