

NLD Statement 110/2000:

National League for Democracy
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Bahan Township, Rangoon

Statement 110 (7/00) (translation)

(Addendum to Statement 46 (4/00) dated 6 April 2000)

The National League for Democracy was duly registered as a political party under the Political Parties Registration Law 4/88 promulgated by the State Law and Order Registration Council (SLORC) now known as the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) and with effect from the 27th September 1988 to this date remains a legally constituted political party.

Registration was granted to the NLD because it did not offend the provisions contained in Sections 2(a) and 3 of the said law. It is a legal political party that is striving hard in the political arena.

Moreover, it has been constituted in accordance with the provisions Section 2 (b) of the Associations Law 6/88 dated 30/9/88.

The military dictators have violated the provisions of the laws they themselves promulgated. As a matter of fact, laws imply promises that lawmakers and administrators of the law will observe and perform certain acts contained in the laws that are promulgated and it is the duty of the administrators to explain to the public the matters stated in them and to fulfil their obligations. Failing to perform their obligations amounts to breach of promise. Breach of promise is an offense.

On its own admission the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) now transformed to State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) is a defacto government which failed to honour the results of the 1990 multi-party democratic elections. It is therefore not a de jure government. Therefore the SPDC is a totally illegal government.

But the SPDC and its lackeys and the organisations that they control consider themselves above the law and are committing all kinds of activities in violation of the laws that they have made.

They are now compiling and getting every eligible voter in the Rangoon division to append their signature to lists and schedules purporting to be the voluntary demand of the majority eligible voters in the constituency for dissolution of all the NLD township branches in Rangoon Division. This is to be completed before the month of September.

The particulars will show

- Name
- Father's name
- Head of household
- Age - date of birth
- Occupation
- Address
- Constituency Number

In these hard times when people are struggling to eke out a living, they are being forced to sign these papers in an illegitimate activity.

Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association that is supposed to be a social and welfare organization without any involvement in politics are acting like administrators. Along with the military dictators they are actively and illegally employed in the following operations:-

- Hlawga village - On 29 June 2000 - U Aye Than (USDA chief organizer) summoned in writing NLD members to attend at the military dictator's office and ordered them to resign from the party.

- Shwe-pyi-tha township, Ward Ta/15 - On 1 July 2000, U She Aye, Ko Tin Ohn and Ko Min Naing (USDA members) ordered and forced NLD members to resign.
- Syrium township

(a) Nga/pa village - From 23 June 2000, Thoung Sein (member of the village military dictator authority, Ko Tin Win, (chief organiser USDA), Ko Shwe Kyaing (USDA member) are entering every house getting signatures. This is the time for the adults to attend to the cultivation in the fields and are absent from their homes. The children were instructed to inform their parents that signatures had been obtained for the purpose of proclaiming loss of confidence in Dr. Win Naing, (NLD Hluttaw representative for Constituency No 1, Syrium township)

(b) Tha-nat-pin village - Ko Chit Than (Secretary of village military anashin authority), Ko San Maung (USDA chief organizer), Ko Min Kyi (USDA member) were operating as in the Nga/pa village.

(c) Nga-bye-ma village - signatures are being forged and submitted to the higher authorities.

(d) Pa-ya-gone village tract (Kanyinbin village) - The operators are Ko Hla Win (member of village dictators authority and "one hundred households head"), Ko Tin Win (USDA), Ko Aung Than (a) Kyaw Kya (USDA), Ko Hmat Gyi (USDA).

(e) Pa-ya-gone village tract (Nat-sin-gone village) - the operators are Ko Nyunt Shwe (chief organizer USDA), Ko Hla Win (USDA Wa-kyaung kwet-thit), Ko Kyaw Min (Member of military dictators authority and "100 households head"), Ko Tin Hla (member of village military dictators authority), Ko Soe Win (village military dictators authority and "ten house head")

(f) Pa-ya-gone village tract (Pa-done-san village) - operating here were Ko Chit Hlaing (military dictators village authority member, "1000 households head", USDA), Khaw-taw (a)Ko San Myint (USDA), Ko Khin U (member of village military dictators authority).

(g) Pa-ya-gone village tract - Ko Nyunt Hlaing (a) Ta-dine-hmwe , Ko Sein Aung and Ko Kan Nyunt , all chief organizers of the USDA.

(h) Pa-ya-gone village tract (The-byu-chaung village)- Ko Kyaw Win(member of military dictators in authority), Ko Hla Win and Ko Thein Lwin both from the USDA. All of the above have been getting signatures by force.

(i) Pha-gone village - Here the USDA has been lying to the people saying that signatures were required because there "was going to be a change in the big people"

Rangoon South Division - Seitkyi Khanaungtoe township. - Here, a function denouncing the NLD as a party with bad doctrines calling for dissolution because of loss of confidence was held on 25 June. Signed petitions were presented. U Khin Hla (Khanaungtoe West ward) was the speaker and U Han Shwe (Seitkyi west) was the presenter of the signed petitions while Dr. Maung Maung Hla (Township multi-party General Elections Commission branch member, also the Director of the township Health Services) received the petitions at this illegal forced shouting demonstration.

(a) Hlegu township (Aung-min-gala ward) - Here, on the night of the 5th July, 2000 Ko Kyaw Myint (member of the military dictators authority), Ko Kyaw Gaung and one Maung Ni got intoxicated and went from one house to another forcing people to sign and threatening them with imprisonment for life and even execution. Other operators were:-

(b) Ka-dit village - Ma Tin Tin Aye from USDA.

(c) Sa-by-taung village - USDA members Ko Thoung Ngwe, Ko Myint Aung and Ko Mya Win.

(d) Gyo-gon village - USDA members Ko Hla Thoung, Ko Thoung Myint and Ko Aung Than.

- (e) Kyun-gon village - Ko Thein Hla U (member of military dictator authority) and USDA members Ko Htay Win, Ko Khwe Pu, Ko San Maung and Ko Tin Tun.
- (f)Kauk-kwe village - Ko Myint Aung (member of military dictator authority)
- (g) Yeik-tha ward - Ko Pe Than (USDA member), Ko Than Gyaung (Ward military dictator authority member).
- (h) Min-gon village - USDA members Ko Myo Thein and Ko Win Aung.
- (i) San-pya village - USDA members Ko Ye Win and Ko Myo Myint.
- (j) Nan-ti village - USDA members Ko Thein Tun, Ko Tin Maung Lwin, and Ko Aung Myint.
- (k) Ka-nyin-chaung village - Sa-La-Ka worker and USDA member Ko Po Tu and Ko Nyunt Shwe (member of the military dictator authority).
- (l) Sa-bu-taung village - USDA members Ko Mya Win, Ko Thoung Ngwe and Maung Myint Aung.
- (m) Sa-khan-gyi village - Ko Moe Gyi (a)Ko Kyaw Myint Swe together with others who are members of the military dictator authority.
- (n)Pa-ya-gon village - USDA chief organizer Ko Myint Thein.
- (o) Phaung-gyi East village group, Aye-chan-tha-ya ward - operators were Ko Myint Swe (a) Boke-daw and Ko Thein Tun (USDA members).
- (p)Pyi-daw-tha Yeiktha - Ko Hlaing Aye (chairman of military dictator village authority) and member Ko Sein Myint
- (q) Da-ye-bo village - Ko Chit Han, (chairman military dictator village authority) and USDA members Ko Hla U, Maung U and Ko Kyaw San.
- (r) Ze-gyi ward - Ko Aye Gyaw(Secretary of USDA),

Ko Saw U (military dictator village authority member) also visited every household in the villages copying names from householders' census lists and forcing them to sign. Also threatening them that they would be called upon to explain if they did not sign.

We have also been told that the operators were instructed to make the numbers larger than that shown on the electoral roll of the last elections and to submit them to the township USDA. They plan to have the demonstration to shout "no-confidence" slogans against the NLD on the 29 July 2000 and to demand its dissolution at the Phaungyi Central Public Service University and Hlegu A-Hta-Ka School Football field. These illegally orchestrated functions manipulated and staged by lackeys and slavish obedient servants of the military dictators are to be chaired by Ko Ni , Chairman of the township military dictator authority and Ko Kyi Aung, USDA Secretary.

In the township of Thon-gwa the same kind of preparations are being made to demonstrate against the NLD and to refer to them as the party with bad doctrines and to call for their demise. Every house is being visited to collect names and signatures of people over 18 years of age. The military dictators are the directors and members of the village authorities, the USDA, Maternity and Infant Welfare Associations are used as operators to pressure the people in every possible way by threats, lies and coercion to get signatures for this purpose.

The list of these operators are as follows:-

- Ward No 6 - Ko Aye Kyi (Chairman of Military Dictator ward authority) and Ko Win Msung, (clerk), 2 female members of the USDA.
- Ward No 7 - Ko Thoung Myint (secretary USDA), Ko Chit Thein (USDA member) and Ko Than Gyaung (USDA member).
- Ward No 5 - Ko Win Shwe (Military dictator ward authority member), Ko Thein Htay (USDA member), Ko Zaw Win (USDA member), Ko Han Myint U (USDA member) and Ko Myo Myint (USDA member).
- Ward No 2 - Ko Shwe Baw (Secretary USDA), Ko Nyein Let (Office keeper) and 2 female members of the USDA.
- Ward No 4 - Ko Than Gyaung (Military dictator ward authority), Ma Moe Moe and Ma Mya Han (members of Maternity and Infant Welfare).

· Ward No 12 - Ko Aye Than (Military dictator ward authority member), Ko Zeya Kyaw, Ko Ohn Khin and Ma Khin Swe Thint (members of USDA)

The military dictators are wrong if they think that these indiscriminate and injudicious performances will wipe out the NLD from the hearts and minds of the people. History will surely bear evidence. The people of the country freely voted and indicated their wishes in the fair 1990 general elections for a Pyithu Hluttaw which has not materialized. This they can never forget.

As evidence of this look at how the people suffered in the 26 years of existence under the military dictator's Burmese Socialist Program Party system (BSPP). But 8888 saw the uprooting of that system

Now, the military dictators, relatives and connections of BSPP have a new platform using the name "National" to prolong their regime in power. Every kind of deceit is being practiced to this end. The people too are so filled with fear because of their ferocious brutality and are quietly bearing up. But in the hearts of the people reaction to the military dictators' deeds of the past, present and future has reached a climax.

The revolution of the spirit for democracy that burst forth in 1988 was the flame and a reminder to all dictators. It started the fires for democracy in a section of the world, which stopped wars and ended dictatorships (dictator system). The NLD came into existence at a time when it was most needed in Burma.

For these reasons, soldiers and civilians wholeheartedly supported the NLD in the 1990 general elections. It was a clean sweep victory for the NLD. This is the reason why a rift between the masses and the NLD is something that can never be achieved.

To hold on to power the military dictators have adopted a strategy of subjugating and instilling fear into the hearts of the masses at the same time creating a privileged few who will implicitly obey and be their lackeys. They have not the ability to distinguish the genuine from the counterfeit.

The military dictators are suffering from the mental disease of greed for worldly goods and pleasures. They have lost all sense of values - for the individual, for the country, for the nationals who live in the country, ethics, reputation, integrity and the personal precepts that must be observed as human beings. The country too is going to the dogs.

It is inevitable that these military dictators will be punished, that they will be answerable like their predecessors the Ma-Sa-La. We exhort you to learn your lesson now before it is too late and refrain from evil acts that you are now indulging in.

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