

NLD Statement 120/2000:

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Statement 120 (8/00) (translation)

1. We have information about the poor security in the Rangoon University campus.
2. On the 31 July 2000 in front of the Dagon Hostel one female student was assaulted by a criminally disposed person who snatched her gold chain and ran away. When the other female students screamed out he pulled out a knife from his waist and shouted threats at them. The office of the registrar had issued letter Number 2274/ya ta tha dated 21/7/2000 as a warning of the situation. Two such snatches by knife wielding thugs had occurred after that notice.
3. The reason for this state of affairs is that the campus is more or less deserted and no longer resembles a university campus. The authorities have opened institutions for university studies in far-flung places. Villains have taken advantage of the situation and brazenly attack their victims. No matter how it is asserted that universities have reopened and the rule of law prevails and that security is adequate, as a matter of fact security is very low. There is real fear for people's safety. We condemn the authorities for this insecurity and urge that better and safer conditions and atmosphere be created.

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