

NLD Statement 127/2000:

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Statement 127 (8/00) (translation)

1. On 30 June 2000, NLD member U San Win, a resident of Nget-pwa-kwin village in Nyaung-don township (Aye-ya-waddy division) went to the central head office and purchased some NLD Statements for the members in his area to read.

2. The next day (1 July 2000) while cycling home to his village at about 11:30 a.m. he was arrested by policeman Saing Ko Ko Lat, a member of the Me-za-li-auk-su inspection team for having in his possession four NLD statements. That night four policemen led by Soe Win and Htein Lin (chairman of the Nget-pwa-kwin village authority) went to U San Win's house and conducted a search. They left without finding any contraband. Later they returned and claimed that a small syringe had been found. Only his paralyzed mother and 70 year old father (U Than Aung) were in the house at that time. They took him to the Me-za-le-auk inspection centre and forced him to sign that the syringe belonged to his son U San Win.

3. U San Win was still held at the Nyaung-don police station when he was confronted with this search form bearing his father's signature. He was told that if he refused to admit to it, action would be taken against his father for making a false statement.

4. On Monday (3 July 2000) after completion of this trumped up charge, he was sent to court and found guilty under Section 27 (1) by the Nyaungdon township judge and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. He was also made to pay Kyats 300/- (transportation cost by prison van to the Ma-u-bin jail) and Kyats 200/- (lock up fees). Htein Lin, the chairman involved in this nefarious plot threatened to imprison anyone who reported this back to the NLD central office.

5. Instead of administering the rule of law nation wide, the military dictators are encouraging lawlessness and injustices that they themselves are practicing. These injustices are increasingly targeted against the NLD. We vigorously denounce them for this.

Central Executive Committee
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