

National League for Democracy
No: (97/B), West Shwegonedine Road
Bahan Township, Rangoon

Statement 136 (8/00) (translation)

1. The ward and village anashins in the townships of Pakokku and Myaing (Magwe division) are going from house to house with papers on which are printed the words " We demonstration our desire for the dissolution of the National League for Democracy". Every 18 year old and above is forced to sign. They are threatened and intimidated. We have been informed that in Myaing township, though the villagers of Hnin-se-kan, Kok-ko-su, Paungde, Kan-swe were opposed to putting their signatures on the papers, they did so out of fear for their lives.
2. The kind of threats were:-
 - their names would be listed and submitted to the higher authorities,
 - they would be arrested and imprisoned,
 - students would not be permitted to continue their schooling,
 - permission to cultivate the land would be revoked.
3. In the Paung-de village tract the dictators led the groups that went from house collecting signatures. They threatened to accuse those who were reluctant of being rebels and underground operators.
4. These activities violate the laws decreed by the military dictators themselves. We seriously warn that every participant in these illegal operations will be brought to justice at the time when the rule of law is returned to Burma.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
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