

National League for Democracy
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Bahan Township, Rangoon

Statement 140 (8/00) (translation)

1. Since the 24 August 2000, the military dictators have illegally blocked the motor road a little beyond Dala (which is on the shore opposite Rangoon) to prevent Deputy Chairman U Tin Oo, General-Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Rangoon Division Chairman U Soe Myint and Rangoon Division member Dr. Myo Aung together with members of the Youth Wing from proceeding to Kun-gyan-gon and Kau-hmu townships to do organizational work. It is now seven days.
2. The place where they have been stranded is an open, windy, unprotected, marshy grassland infested with gnats, flies, mosquitoes and poisonous creatures entirely unsuitable for human habitation.
3. This is the rainy season and heavy rainfall occurs here. Conditions at such a time, with no place to take shelter from rain or sun in addition to being open to attack by poisonous creatures day and night are most distressing.
4. The military dictators and the local authorities are fully aware of the true situation. Yet they deliberately misinform people with lies and lies.
5. The misinformation given out to deceive not only the people of Burma but the entire international community are that:-
 - (a) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and group continue to take a rest in the beautiful little town of Dala.
 - (b) A separatist rebel group was recently operating in secret in the vicinity of Dala town. (note - this is so far from the truth, it is a joke}.
 - (c) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is not only a well-known personality, but also the daughter of martyred Bogyoke Aung San and the military anarshins have a duty to protect her from the designs of the insurgents.
 - (d) Also to protect them from the activities of various terrorist groups from many countries.
 - (e) The military dictators are prepared to assist Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her political activities in the said area.
6. This journey by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the General-Secretary of the National League for Democracy, a legally constituted political party must certainly proceed. It's an activity which is right, in consonance with the existing law and is highly commendable The General-Secretary's journey and program will not in any way adversely affect the peace and tranquility of the region. The military dictators have repeatedly come to realize this fact.
7. In analyzing the military dictators' behaviour the following conclusions are inevitable:-
 - (a) The Dala-Twante road is used daily by travelers. Only Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's journey on a mission of organizational matters is prohibited for false reasons of security.
 - (b) This amounts to denial of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's right to freely travel and reveals the evil desire of the military anarshins that illness and disease overcome her and endanger her life.
8. These bad and unjust activities are condemned and we reiterate the desire that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her party be allowed to fulfil their mission.

9. On arrival at their destination and completion of the legal organizational duties, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party will immediately and peacefully return. Therefore we seriously urge that the present blockade by the military anarshins be immediately removed.

10. We repeat again the announcement that until the mission, which the General Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her group have commenced, is finally accomplished, there will be no turning back.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

Rangoon
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