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1. Despite the fact that the National League for Democracy is a legally constituted political party and is engaged in legitimate political duties, the rulers who have taken state power and the executive bodies appointed by them are illegally interfering, preventing, destroying, and extinguishing the party.
2. Adopting a process in conformity with law, the NLD announced its intention to assemble the People's Parliament. The immediate reaction by the Military Intelligence authorities was illegal arrests and imprisonment of not only the elected members of parliament but also NLD organising committee members at all levels (State, Division, Township, Ward, Village), ordinary members, and members of working groups formed by the central executive committee.
3. Furthermore, members of parliament have been forced to resign their positions as elected representatives and from the party; others have been forced to resign from their positions and from the party by threats, intimidation and illegal forceful pressure from members of the military intelligence units for which there is not one iota of legal justification.
4. In so doing, the military intelligence authorities have committed criminal offences. The individuals against whom such illegal arrests and action have been taken are aggrieved and injured. Therefore, on the thirty first day of December 1998, the Chairman of the National League for Democracy lodged a criminal complaint against the Director General of the Military Intelligence Services under Section 4(a) of the Judiciary Law and the Criminal Procedure Code to the Chief Justice of the Union of Burma for adjudication by the proper court.

Central Executive Committee
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