

National League for Democracy
No (97/B), West Shwegondine Road
Bahan, Rangoon

Statement No: 13 (1/99)

(Note: To be read as a continuation of Statement 8 (1/99) dated 12 January 1999.)

1. Though the Magwe Division, Yenangyaung township Multiparty Elections Commission was daily demanding that the NLD organising committee produce (within 6 days) the daily list of persons visiting the office, office documents, files and account books, the committee repeatedly refused as instructed by head office.
2. Consequently, (on 11 January 1999), Military Intelligence Service Corporal Thein Hteik and his companion forced U Tint Lwin (executive member of the NLD township organising committee) to accompany them at 1700 hours (not office hours) and compelled him to open the office building door. Then when they demanded that he open the tin trunk in which official papers were kept U Tint Lwin explained that he did not have the key with him. When Corporal Thein Hteik threatened to break the lock U Tint Lwin returned home.
3. The corporal went to a neighbouring house and fetched a crow bar, hammer, and chisel; then broke the lock, removed all the papers and locked the box with a new lock which he had brought with him. Nothing is known of what papers or articles were taken or left behind.
4. We harshly condemn this breaking in by force resembling a lawless society and demand that appropriate criminal charges be instituted against Corporal Thein Hteik for his illegal conduct and criminal use of force.

Central Executive Committee
National League for Democracy

22 January 1999