

BURMA UPDATE
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NLD WILL NOT REGISTER
DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI'S SIX-POINT MESSAGE

Burma's largest political party, National League for Democracy (NLD) this afternoon decided not to register with the Election Commission for its continued existence in view of the unjust and unfair election laws recently promulgated by the military junta, chief spokesman of the NLD U Nyan Win told newsmen.

This resolution was adopted unanimously by the Central Committee meeting of the party, which took place at the head office of the NLD in Rangoon this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by 113 central committee members from all over Burma headed by Central Executive Committee members.

The Central Committee meeting of the NLD also adopted another resolution, which called on the Burma military junta to release all political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi immediately.

This decision of the NLD, not to register with the Election Commission for its continued existence will have devastating effect on the upcoming general elections to be held by the military government.

In explaining about the decision of the NLD not to register with the Election Commission, U Nyan Win said: We have adopted this historic decision not for the continued existence of our party but for the continued pursuit of political goal of the party.

Vice-President of the NLD U Tin Oo, who chaired the today's central committee meeting, also briefed the newsmen saying that the NLD itself would not abolish its own party. The NLD will continue to work peacefully towards the democratic goal with the strength of the entire people and ethnic national races even though the NLD may not be a political party anymore.

Now they (military government) can do as they like. They can arrest all of us and do whatever they like. We are ready for all kinds of persecution and intimidation, U Tin Oo declared.

U Nyan Win, who met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi last Tuesday, now revealed that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has given him her views for the NLD Central Executive Committee, which in fact was made up of six points. They are as follow:

1. She would never accept the 2008 State Constitution of the military government and would stick to Shwegonedine Declaration, which was issued by the NLD on April 29 last year. *(Note: This declaration called on the military junta to release all political prisoners, conduct meaningful dialogue with all stake holders including the leaders of the ethnic nationalities and the review of the 2008 State Constitution.)*

2. She would never accept political party registration law and election laws promulgated by the military junta as these laws are unjust and unfair.

3. The NLD is not her own property. Neither is it the property of anyone.

4. She is not in favor of hatching personal followers within the NLD.

5. She would like to say the people of Burma that she would continue to strive for democracy in Burma.

6. Even if the NLD is abolished, she does not consider it as the end of the NLD.

After the briefing by U Nyan Win, Vice-President of the party, who was released on February 13 this year from house arrest, dubbed Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as Burma's Gandhi, who he said had steadfastly given her whole life for the people of Burma achieving basic human rights and democratic rights.

