

Women's League of Burma

URGENT CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST LATEST ACTS OF REPRESSION BY THE BURMESE MILITARY REGIME

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The Women's League of Burma is outraged at the violence instigated by Burma's military regime, the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and members of her democratically elected party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), during their peaceful organising trip in Upper Burma. At least four people were killed and 50 people injured in a confrontation provoked by the junta near Monywa on the night of May 30, 2003. Some reports say more than 200 NLD members have been arrested.

We are gravely concerned at the fate of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other NLD leaders who are now being detained by the regime. The SPDC has shut NLD offices, and has ordered all colleges and universities in Burma to close.

The regime must not be allowed to get away with these brazen acts of repression. We urge supporters of Burma's democracy movement and in particular our sister activists worldwide to take immediate action at this critical time.

We urge you to:

- stage protests outside Burmese Embassies in your country
- demand that your governments
 - immediately issue strong protests to Burma's military regime
 - take immediate action, including the suspension of all forms of aid and investment to Burma, to pressure the regime to release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, lift all restrictions on her party, and begin talks that will lead to a process of national reconciliation in Burma.

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