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**Further information on UA 159/03 (ASA 16/009/2003, 02 June 2003 Fear for safety/possible "disappearance")**

**MYANMAR**                    **Aung San Suu Kyi (f), aged 57, leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD)**  
**U Tin U (m), aged 75, deputy Chairman of the NLD**  
**More than 100 NLD members and supporters**

**New names:     NLD members in Yangon Division, Kachin State and Mandalay Division**

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Amnesty International is concerned for the safety of an unknown number of National League for Democracy (NLD) members who have reportedly been detained in three separate regions: Yangon Division, Kachin State and Mandalay division. More than 100 NLD supporters, including Aung San Suu Kyi and her deputy, U Tin U, remain missing after a violent attack on NLD members on 30 May.

On 4 June, three men, U Myo Khin, secretary of the NLD in Yankin Township in Yangon Division, U Thein Oo and U Saw Win from the NLD headquarters in the capital Yangon, were reportedly taken into custody. Some members of the NLD Executive Committee in Mogauk, Mandalay Division, were also reportedly detained on 4 June, and there have been reports that a number of NLD members in Mandalay Division and Kachin State have also been taken into custody.

Authorities have not clarified the whereabouts of more than 100 people missing after a violent attack on members of the NLD, and have not initiated a full and independent investigation into the incident. Seven members of the NLD's Central Executive Committee who were placed under house arrest after the incident are believed to remain in detention. Aung San Suu Kyi is reportedly still in "protective custody".

A list of named individuals reported missing after the incident on 30 May can be accessed on Amnesty International's website: [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org).

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of National League for Democracy (NLD) members from Yangon Division, Kachin State and Mandalay Division, who were reportedly detained on or around 4 June;
- expressing continued concern for the safety of over 100 NLD members and others, including Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin U, whose whereabouts are unknown following the attack on NLD members on 30 May;
- urging the authorities to provide information on the names, whereabouts and legal basis for detention of all those reportedly detained or missing;
- urging authorities to immediately and unconditionally release those detained on account of their peaceful exercise of the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly; and calling for an end to the arrests of others on this basis;
- calling for guarantees that no detainees will be tortured or ill-treated, and that detainees are granted immediate access to lawyers, doctors, and relatives;
- expressing concern at the reported killings of NLD members and others on 30 and 31 May, and urging authorities to institute a thorough and independent investigation into these incidents, to make the results public and to bring those responsible to justice, in accordance with international standards.

**APPEALS TO:**

Senior General Than Shwe

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Khin Nyunt, Secretary 1  
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**COPIES TO:** Diplomatic representatives of Myanmar accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 18 July 2003.