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WHEN IS A LEADER NOT A LEADER?

So, the NLD has expelled a number of its members, this is nothing new in politics of course, it happens all the time for one reason or another, what is so different with the NLD, at least in appearance, is the number of *victims*, if that's the appropriate word, and, that senior figures were not informed. Could be due to the fact, that they are otherwise restricted from participating in party issues, or perhaps, they are regarded by those who presided over the evictions, as irrelevant, or, it could be, those who were expelled, are of the same persuasion as Suu Kyi and others, and what we are actually witnessing is a split within the NLD, a message which would confirm the thoughts of many observers, both from Burma and beyond, in which case, the NLD has advertised to the people of Burma, that it no longer functions as a political machine capable of rational thinking, and certainly not as a viable government in waiting. Others believe and; is *quite feasible to those who are in the know*, that the NCGUB, under Sein Win's ambitious guidance, is responsible, because it's a well known fact, that he dreams of becoming the all powerful. He is, insanely jealous of his cousin's iconic following, and cherishes the moments when others, seeking prominence, bow down to him. At the meetings he attends, one can see the craving on his face for others to praise him, and the deep strain of holding himself together when the audience do not perhaps show him the honour he thinks, should be bestowed upon him! It does not take a genius to figure out, that Sein Win, believes the Americans will support him, even against the NLD, because he makes promises to them, which he seems too think he can honour once democracy reaches Burma, with him at the helm. He tends to forget, although, blind by ambition would better describe him, that far greater individuals than he, are playing the same field, and greater obstacles other than putting on his shoes each morning, are blocking the way, obstacles which the NCGUB under Sein Win, have neither the means, the incentive, or the courage, to remove, they prefer, to sit back in comfort while others do the dirty and dangerous work, something, the people of Burma are at long last beginning to identify, and, after studying alternatives, are flocking to the PDP. Of course the one other ironic but obvious factor in the game, is neither, Suu Kyi, nor, Sein Win, are elected members of the NLD stemming from the 1990 elections, Sein Win, is not an NLD member even, but regards himself as number one in Burmese politics. So, the political picture as seen today is, a bit of a farce to say the least. The SPDC is laughing its socks off.

If the election mandate was to be recognised by the SPDC, (only joking of course) it would leave both, Sein Win and Suu Kyi, out in the cold, because neither were active members of the NLD during the election, therefore as un-elected, neither are eligible to hold a post in government. Suu Kyi, is in fact nothing more than a figure head, and holds

no electoral right to be regarded as leader of the NLD. This could be the reason for an internal split?

Those who now praise Suu Kyi as their idol, and not necessarily as a political figure, are of course, perfectly entitled to do so. However, the new generation of followers were either very young in 1990, and have no comprehension of the real world today, accompanied with the misfortune, indeed, Burma's misfortune, for not being able to study their own history, other than what must be hearsay, because if they did know their history, then we would not receive the many requests, for a run down on Prime Minister U Nu, and/or the PDP which he founded. We also receive requests to educate some, of Aung San, who they only know as a name and the street stories of his activities in days gone by, and simply follow today's trend like sheep. These particular inquiries are passed onto the PDP, so please in the future, would all questions be directed to them at: < emlmpdp@aol.com > The PDP will we are sure, provide accurate information as to the democracy struggle and those who played an active role in it since the end of British rule in Burma.

In a country without an identity, other than as a despot regime, this new generation of young, need some form of guidance for them too have any meaning and/or form of order in their lives. It's unfortunate that these young people are too often open to manipulation.

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For Suu Kyi, to become the official leader of the NLD, or for Sein Win to compete, under the democratic principles, matching the 1947 constitution, to which, is all Burma has at this time which resemble anything like a democratic process, then new elections would have to be called. Anyone who cannot see this should not be in the game of bringing democracy to Burma, instead they would be better off joining the SPDC, because it is their principles of rule they seem to understand most. This same mistake has been made by every contender in the pro-democracy movement, apart from the PDP, and that is to undermine the will of the people once they are in possession of *all the facts*, something both the NLD and the NCGUB along with numerous other self appointed dictators, have intentionally failed to communicate to the people!

From the NLD, down to the lowest of ambitious minds, have preferred to keep the people blind to the facts and reality, both past and present, i.e. how many activists in what ever role, ever mention or discuss, the 1947 constitution, which would allow the new generation to analyse it and make up their own minds? Instead, they fill their minds with hype and pipe dreams simply so these fraudsters can cling to what little power they see themselves as having!

In the years since the PDP highlighted the scene, and opened up a large can of worms for all to see, people have not only come out of the closet, where they hid, fearful to voice their opinions, but all the truths of corruption and blind ambition which has tarred the pro-democracy stage since 1990, has come to light for all to judge, where only the less knowledgeable and naïve, cannot see that it is their own ignorance to the point of

fanaticism which delays democracy, and the individuals who crave attention are happy to ignore the truth!

The gullible innocent, who are being manipulated by ruthless power seekers from both sides of the table, need to be fed information, not to have fires lit under their bellies to make them dance to a tune called by these power seekers. Only the PDP has moved in the direction of educating the new generation allowing them to become *part* of the process of democracy, and not simply tools, to be manipulated by others. This is the difference between the PDP and all the other elements put together.

A few individuals have boasted that they are responsible for numerous boundaries being opened, but were in fact part of the closed mouth brigade, until the PDP braved the stage. A person only has to study all the statements and media releases and the dates to separate these self honouring individuals from a truly self sacrificing party such as the PDP, who, stood out into the open knowing they were up against tremendous odds, but were prepared to face the onslaught of any fierce criticism and possibly self annihilation. All their planning, preparations, which took place before, placing themselves fully into the limelight, paid dividends. Their brilliantly executed assessment of the people and the situation at hand, were decisively correct. The parties policy of moving slowly but precise is a clear sign that the PDP, under the leadership of its chairman, Bo Aung Din, has all the assets of being both a concise, and precise, open political party, and one that continues to move forward with definite objectives, which, are displayed with an openness not portrait by any other political party or self appointed individual apart from a few realists, and even they shy away from committing to a particular party because they all want to be individuals, warped by their own self importance. When they do finally commit, it will no doubt, be to the party who wins an election, and then, expect reward!

Its quite amazing, is it not, just how many new groups have popped out from the woodwork since the PDP first confronted head on, the problems concerning the pro-democracy movement. Now, there are all manner of groups. When, they are all under one roof, it sounds impressive, when stated, that 20 or more political parties attended a particular conference. The fact is that each "party"™, consists of no more, than 4 or 5 individuals, sometimes less, all with absolutely, no political history or infrastructure what so ever. Each group receives gratuities from the NCGUB on a monthly basis. No further need to elaborate on that subject! People are aware of this silly game of deceit and political innuendo and is another reason for so many moving toward the PDP.

There are those who describe themselves as "Advisors to the democracy movement" – some boast of having as members, elected MP's™ stemming from the 1990 elections in Burma, others boast of having US government representatives as ear pieces to their cause. None however, are of any real consequence when it comes down to hard politics, or when risks need to be taken, which may damage their own egos, ambitions, or present life styles!

Who/what is it exactly, that they advise, and why in 14 years have they had no effect. Either those advisors are lacking in skills, or their advice is falling on deaf ears?

Due to a variety of reasons, many 1990 elected members of the NLD are no longer viable candidates, revealing yet another reason why only new elections can put Burma's democracy movement back on track. The only other choice, is to remain under the boot of the SPDC!

Some have indicted that the real problem is not so much the NLD and its inability to function effectively, together with the NCGUB's devious politics, but more to do with the Ethnic cause with their demands to become autonomous, perhaps even, under a federal system, before even, democracy has taken root. This particular observation has taken a wider perspective since some of the ethnic groups are attending the convention which the SPDC are reconvening. What they hope to achieve exactly, is anybody's guess, because surely, without a democracy in place, any constitution which may be put into place without a mandate from the people, will be unworkable, and any deals made with the ethnic groups would be wide open to abuse once the SPDC has a military, social and economic foothold on ethnic soil, and if the ethnics believe they would still hold a military deterrent to protect against any treaty breaking, could be viewed as rather naive?

Fortunately, over the past years, the people of Burma have been slowly informed of the facts, under the schemes put into place by the PDP.

You can fool some of the people for some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time! Who cares who said that, its meaning is universal?

Note: Questions as to why political parties do not unite are frequent, and would be best answered by others, but, we do know, the PDP has frequently offered itself, but it would appear, the NLD, NCGUB, pacifically, do not want democratic open debate, because it would for one, take away what they consider to be their throne, and two, would undermine their whole strategy, and three of course, would raise serious questions in areas they would best keep from the people!

In a democracy, during times of struggle, either in war or natural disasters, political parties do not unite into one dominant party, but keep their identities, it is the unified debate on subjects concerning the security/welfare of one's country, which can bring diversity to a given problem taking away any personal ambitions which might otherwise hinder progress, precisely the problem now! Solve the problem, and let the people decide who should govern the country.

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