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On the 2nd and 3rd May, hurricane Nagis caused never-before-experienced destruction, deaths by tens of thousands, injuries indescribable and breaking point hardship to millions of our people.

Those who survived are now left facing hunger, thirst, without shelter, without medical facilities and who are even now being struck down by cholera and other deadly diseases.

The State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) which should be protecting and providing relief to the people who are faced with such dire consequences is blocking and actively preventing the international community including the United Nations who are waiting and ready to help alleviate the suffering of these people. Because of their stubborn and hostile refusal to cooperate with the help-givers the death toll is increasing by the minute. The authorities are entirely responsible for the tragic consequences of their actions. Instead of attending to the immediate needs of the people the SPDC is expending all its energy on the referendum to install themselves in perpetual power.

The relief work that is being undertaken by the authorities is inadequate and inefficient. They do not have the capacity to deliver the relief required in a situation of such magnitude. Only the United Nations and the global relief organisations can deliver the kind of relief needed. There is no time left to be wasted on negotiations and foot dragging.

On behalf of the people who have given the National League for Democracy the mandate, we again urge the international community and the United Nations which has the responsibility to protect civilians to urgently and immediately take whatever steps it must to save lives and provide humanitarian assistance to all the beleaguered civilians at this time of greatest need .

As per resolution taken by the Central Executive Committee (NLD) on the 10th May, 2008.