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Burma:

**Opposition Renewing Pressure on Regime**

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*The National League for Democracy (NLD) is risking another regime crackdown by stepping up overt party organizing activities. NLD leader Aung San Suu Kyi is gambling that a more activist strategy will energize supporters, raise the organization's international profile, and refocus international attention on the junta.*

— Suu Kyi earlier this month publicly reorganized a party youth wing without incident.

— [Redacted] NLD leaders expect regime authorities to block her upcoming organizational trip outside Rangoon—similar moves in 1998 resulted in international condemnation of the junta. [Redacted]

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*Suu Kyi's confrontational strategy seeks to address several challenges. She is facing increasing pressure from NLD youth members, who are questioning their leaders' bravery and pushing for a more aggressive approach against the regime [Redacted]. A more activist strategy may dissuade the youth from taking unilateral action.*

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— *Her initiative may be intended to blunt the growing international debate over whether isolating the regime is the best means to achieve political reform.*

— *A new regime crackdown may quiet foreign critics who claim pariah status exacerbates declining living standards in Burma.*

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