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Burma:

Suu Kyi Steps Up Pressure on Regime [Redacted]

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*Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's plan to leave Rangoon today may be aimed at triggering a response from the regime that would escalate international censure against the junta and possibly block its plan to outlaw her party.* Suu Kyi and National League for Democracy (NLD) Vice Chairman Tin Oo yesterday said they will travel to upper Burma to investigate whether the regime has closed NLD offices or hampered party activities.

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— Suu Kyi sees maintaining Asian support as particularly important, [Redacted] however, ASEAN is adhering to its practice of noninterference, [Redacted]

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*The NLD also is attempting to press the regime and galvanize support through other means.* Last weekend NLD Chairman Aung Shwe announced the party will draft a new constitution—a challenge to a 1996 law forbidding political parties from such action, which can result in a prison sentence of 20 years.

— The NLD yesterday filed suit against the head of the junta—State Peace and Development Council Chairman Than Shwe—highlighting the regime's failure to transition to democracy after the election in 1990. [Redacted]

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*Continued international attention to Suu Kyi's situation could help to temper the regime's moves against the NLD in the near term, but the junta has little incentive to abandon its longer-term goal of destroying the NLD.* The government's suppression of NLD activities in the past 10 years has significantly weakened the party. [Redacted]

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