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# The Government of the Union of Myanmar <br> Supreme Court <br> Directive No. 2/98 

Date: 1 July 1998

## The matter concerning the marriage of Myanmar women and foreigners

1. We are aware that many foreigners from foreign countries have come to Myanmar through various means, and that some foreigners have connections with human brokers from Myanmar and try to lure Myanmar women to marry them by swearing an oath in court and take them abroad. Women who have been taken abroad through this process have faced unseemly problems even before they have arrived overseas, and also when they do arrive overseas, they lose their characters and have various problems.
2. Devoid of national spirit, they lure Myanmar women with promises of money and are making plans to transport them from our country by marrying them to foreigners. Accordingly, we must set ourselves up with full national spirit, and, in keeping with our national obligation, strive to protect Myanmar women's lives from the dangers that threaten them.
3. Therefore this is an order to all staff of courts that none of the staff is empowered to accept any oath or application of marriage of a Myanmar woman to a foreigner nor marry any Myanmar woman to any foreigner.
4. Action will effectively be taken against any staff of any court who neglects to abide by this order to dismiss them from their duty.
(Signed)
Chief Justice Aung Toe
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