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Defense of Nationalism is Nepal Maoist's main agenda: Dr. Bhattarai

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Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai who is often taken as an India friendly man in the Unified Maoists' Camp says that the focus of the Maoists' fourth round of protest should be to defend Nepal's Independence, as the country was facing tremendous foreign interference.

Expectedly, contrary to his party's colleagues, Bhattarai did not blame India directly for such interference.

Reportedly, Bhattarai who is the Maoists' Party vice chairman, had urged the party leadership on December 19, 2009, during the party steering committee meeting that it was not right time to '**provoke'** the Indian establishment.

"The major issue of our concern is to safeguard our Nationalism", said Bhattarai at a program held in Kathmandu, December 27, 2009.

The program entitled, "Nepali Revolution, Two Neighbors and Imperialism" was organized by Rato Jhilko Magazine.

Barsa man Puna alias **Ananta** of the Maoists' Party speaking at the same program said that if the new constitution was not drafted on time, the Maoists' party would have no option than to wage another revolt.

Pradip Gyawali of the United Marxist Leninists' Party was of the opinion that Nepal should always maintain balanced relations with both India and China to safeguard its sovereignty.

Gyawali was of the opinion that India has been interfering in Nepal's exclusive matters for long and China has also begun showing its presence in Nepal...in such a situation Nepal must play balancing role.

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