

## CPN-Maoist to hold unification talks with likeminded parties, including UCPN(M)



Mohan Baidya

KATHMANDU, FEB 05 [2015] - The central committee meeting of CPN-Maoist on Thursday endorsed the proposal of Chairman Mohan Baidya to hold talks with other leftist parties, including the UCPN (Maoist), for [unification](#) .

Baidya [Baidya] had proposed forming the 'Communist Unity Centre' by bringing together all likeminded parties to bolster the strength of the Maoist forces in the national politics, which received unanimous approval from the party members.

However, this is not the first time CPN-Maoist has floated such proposal. It had aborted the [unification](#) talks with CPN-Revolutionary and CPN (Unified) last year, following an internal tussle that eventually led to the party split in November.

Baidya has said that unity among the Maoist forces is crucial as the ruling Nepali Congress and CPN-UML have endangered the past achievements by trying to sideline the UCPN (Maoist) from the Constituent Assembly (CA).

“All past achievements are under threat. The UCPN (Maoist) should immediately walk out of the assembly to win confidence of the people and start street protests,” Baidya said after the meeting.

He added that there could be a working alliance or combined protest based on uniformity of agendas and slogan among the parties.

CPN-Maoist General Secretary Ram Bahadur Thapa said in a statement that the party will soon take to the streets, to press for an all-party political conference for the promulgation of new constitution. The party has also announced a nationwide anti-corruption drive.

Meanwhile, the party has added 37 new faces to its central committee, promoted senior CC members to politburo and announced a 10-members standing committee.

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