

I am ready to play lead role: Nepal Maoists' Chief Prachanda



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Leaders of major political parties of Nepal have once again vowed to draft the constitution within the stipulated deadline of May 28, 2010.

Addressing at an interaction program to celebrate the 12th Anniversary of Reporters Club in Kathmandu, March 30, 2010, the leaders had pledged to bring logical end to the peace process and draft the constitution on time.

A Himalayan surprise that it is.

Speaking at the program claimed Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', chairman of Nepal Communist Party-Unified Maoists, that after the sudden demise of Girija Prasad Koirala-Nepali Congress President, he was ready to take the pivotal role played by late Koirala.

"I, as one of the signatory of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, CPA, in the absence of Girija Babu, am ready to take the lead role", Dahal declared.

"I will take the responsibility to bring logical end to the peace process and drafting the constitution on time", he continued.

He reminded the audience that it was only after his meeting with late Koirala in the year 2002, the Nepali Congress and the United Marxist Leninists' party had accepted the republican order and thus the Maoists' Party also decided to accept competitive democratic system.

"We thus signed the 12-Point agreement, followed by 19 days long Peoples' Uprising, Constituent Assembly elections, we then declared the country a Republic and we also accepted to restructure the state by adopting the federal order", he revealed.

However, Dahal nowhere thanked the Indian establishment for the prime role it played in Nepal's political changes that took place before and after the 12-Point Agreement signed in New Delhi, November 22, 2005.

He continued, "The basis for our future cooperation should be the institutionalization of the federal, multiparty and republican order."

"I also urge all parties to issue a common commitment proposal to assure the people", he said adding, "Our unity will guarantee the constitution even in the remaining 58 days left." Similarly, senior leader of Rastriya Shakti Janshakti Party Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa pointed out the need to find out the prime reason of differences between the leaders of major political parties.

Pashupati Shumser Rana, another leader of Rastriya Shakti Janshakti Party, blamed the three big parties, UML-NC and the Maoists for the delay in drafting the constitution.

Jhal Nath Khanal-chairman of the Nepal Communist Party-United Marxist Leninists' was of the opinion that the parties should sit together to sort-out their differences and make common commitment to complete the assigned task on time.

Kamal Thapa, chairman of Rastriya Prajatantra Party-Nepal, however warned the leaders to correct the blunders they have already made at the very beginning of the peace process. "Unless they rectify their mistakes it is unlikely that there will be peace in the country", Thapa warned.

Upendra Yadav, chairman of Madhesi Janaadhikar Forum-Nepal and C. P. Mainali- Chairman Nepal Communist Party-Marxist Leninists, also spoke at the interaction program.

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