We are going to declare federal states from the street only to create pressure -Com. Sonam

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Why is UCPN-Maoist launching phase-wise struggle?

The question of civil supremacy and the question of a national government have been co-related. When President Rambaran Yadav took an illegal and unconstitutional step a dramatic change occurred in the leadership of the nation. The rights of the people are widely cut off, the spirit and the aspiration of the interim constitution have been encroached. Then, the supremacy of the military has been given priority.

On the one hand, we are trying to make consensus for a peaceful political outlet and on the other, we are compelled to declare the people's movement phase-wisely. The efforts for consensus and the struggle are running together.

Some of the leftist parties like Masal and the Workers and Peasants Party are against struggle, rather they are in favour of presidential rule. How are you evaluating it?

Their expression determines whether they are leftist or not leftist parties, and leaders of the leftist party can not express such version which is against the civil supremacy, the rights of the people and writing a new constitution. That is ‘dishonour’ towards the leftist movement. They have regressive ideas and points of view. They are dancing under the direction of regressive-reactionaries.

How are you thinking to build a comprehensive United Front?

It has two aspects. Nationally, united front will be build among the parties that are in the present Constituent Assembly. There will be a bottom-line condition that the parties which will be under this united front will have a common idea that the step taken by the president is unconstitutional and that has encroached the civil supremacy. This will be formed in the Legislative-parliament. The other will be the united front among those political forces, individuals and the forces that are nationalist, progressive, leftist and revolutionary. It will be a broader united front.

Why is UCPN-Maoist going to declare federal states from the street?

Strategically, our issues about federalism are on the table of discussion in the house of CA. However, we are going to declare it from the street to create pressure. For this, it is necessary to take initiative. It would better if the state power itself had publicized the debate on federal state with some important directives. The notable thing is that the people have clear notion about the structure that the state will be a federal state, they want to ensure it in the would-be constitution. Therefore, the declaration of the federal state will help to write the federal constitution.