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PM Addresses the Nation

■ Red Star reporter

"New Nepal is impossible in the absence of a new vision and innovative procedures" says the Prime Minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachada'. The traditional thoughts and procedures have retarded the processes of implementing even the minimum policy and programs of the government. While addressing to the people and country, Prachanda has pointed out the necessity of resurrection of 12-points understanding for the progression of peace process.

Publicizing the programs of a reform and development, as an executive chief of the nation, he announced 'the elimination of the dowry system within in seven days; at the same time executing the equal right for women in parental property'. A strong nationality is built only after eliminating all kinds the social discriminations. For this, Government is going to establish a 'Monitoring Center of Crime of Caste Discrimination', as Prachanda declares.

This Address of PM, just after the end of budget session, is focused on the socio-economic transformation and development of the country



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to make 'New Nepal'. The remote regions like Karnali and Seti-Makahali, including other outlying districts, will be brought into the mainstream of the development. He has assured to build a powerful commission for the search and investigation of disappeared citizens during People's War in the country.

Premier Prachanda publicly addressed when the people were pointing the government's inability to take necessary steps of a minimum reform and development. The prime minister has clearly stated that the government is not going to take a drastic readjustment in the mechanism of bureaucracy. However, the bureaucrats, who do not follow the directives of the government and deceive the people, would be under prosecution. He assured that the government will try to ease complains of the people counseling and co-working with the partners in the coalition government.

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Follow directive

The leader of United CPN-Maoist and Minister of Defense Ram Bahadur Thapa 'Badal' has publicly said that Nepal Army is not following the directive of the government.

Pointing out the simple norms of the state power, Minister Badal said that the army should respect and implement the decisions of the elected government. He further added that army should follow the directives unconditionally. He warned that if the order becomes disorder the military rule would be there in place of democratic republic.

The economy of economy

Maoist leader and Finance Minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai has said that he has spent most of his time for the management of national economy. He has already released 92-point directive. He has frequently arranged and actively taken part in the meetings for debate, discussion and interactions.

He has declared a clear policy and plan for the collection of the revenue along with the plan of 'self-tax declaration'. Therefore, the economy of the country is running in a balanced and harmonious way even in the period of world economic crisis. All the works under the Finance Minister are unquestionable. He further says that there might have been some weaknesses due to the old mentality and working style of the bureaucracy, however, he claims that he is monitoring all the works from up. The result is satisfactory.

Along with the collection of revenue, the corruption and leakage of revenue has been controlled up to mentionable level.

Caste, untouchability and social discrimination is the by-product of Hindu Brahmin custom and culture.

Let's make historical contribution from our respective stands to guarantee the rights of Dalit in the constitution to be made.

Dalits and landless people be provided with food, clothes and shelter unleashing them from all types of government loans.



The government of Nepal

National Dalit Commission
Baneshwar, Kathmandu.

Admire not write fact

■ Red Star reporter

Minister of information and communication Krishna Bdr. Mahara has told the journalists not to praise the government but to write the fact and the truth. Only the fact and the objective news can provide the real message to the people. He said that the work of the journalist is to teach the people with the reality that happened in the society. Therefore, the media should admire neither the Maoist or the Maoist-led government nor the comprador bureaucratic capitalist. Media should not be attached with foreign interest and they should be aware about the sovereignty and national integrity.

Talking to the gathering of the journalists, Minister Mahara said, "I don't tell you, the journalists, to admire Unified Maoist. Publicize the fact. Nobody has right to distort even the normal issue stepping over the national unity and territorial integrity." He further added that the reliability and the authenticity, including the security of the people and the journalists, depend on the publicity of the truth and the fact news.

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for nation building. As a result, the government will be able to wipe out the challenges raised on its way. He has pointed out numbers of possibilities to concretize the dream of a prosperous new Nepal into reality.

Now, the people in the country and abroad are waiting enthusiastically to see the concrete implementation of PM's address into the practice. The centuries' long tradition and mentality of the aligned political parties; bureaucracy and the other sectors under the government have become the hurdles against the progressive political procedures. To say in clear words these tendencies have set the obstacles on the way of the implementation of the policies and the programs of the government.

For the proper implementation of the PM's address, Unified CPN-Maoist should initiate a nationwide campaign for socio-economic transformation. The significant decisions taken in the Khariapati National Convention are essential to be implemented. Only after mobilizing all three fronts: government, CA and street together; socio-economic transformation of the country is possible. Struggle is the very fuel for the implementation of the declared programs of the government.

Unified CPN-Maoist CC meeting concludes



■ Red Star reporter

The full meeting of the central committee of the CPN-Maoist has been concluded with some of the important decisions. This is one of the historic meetings of the Maoist party. Due to the first meeting of the unified party and the meeting of the ruling party just before writing a new federal democratic republican constitution, many people are interestingly waiting for the decisions to come.

The meeting has taken some important decisions related to the party and the government. The party has divided the responsibilities of the whole unified central committee. According to it, the organization department under the co-ordination of Leader Mohan Baidhya "Kiran" has been formed. The party

secretariat members Narayan kaji Shreshtha "Prakash" CP Gajurel 'Gaurav' Netrabikram Chand 'Biplap', Top Bdr. Rayamajhi "Anil", NandaKishor Pun "Pasang", Kulprasad KC "Sonam", Barsaman Pun "Anant", Lilamani Pokharel and Dinanath Sharma are in the department.

Likewise, political bureau member Dinanath Sharma is decided to be the member of the party secretariat and the spokes person of the party. Withdrawing the agenda to extend the Central committee, only one member Krishna Bhujel has been added in the committee. The number of the central committee is, now, 138.

An advisory committee for writing constitution has been formed under the leadership of com. Baburam Bhattarai. Party secretariat member CP Gajurel, Dev Gurung, Pampha Bhusal,

Lilamani Pokharel, Khim lal Devkota, Ramrijhan Yadav and Barsaman Pun "Anant" are in the committee. Com. Narayan kaji Shreshtha has been the incharge of legislative-parliament bureau. Secretariat member Post Bdr. Bogati and women leader Jayapuri Gharti are elected as the chief whip and the whip.

The organizational structure of the CPN-Maoist is quite different from the other political parties. It has its structure as according to the structure of the federal democratic republic. The party has already made and divided the whole nation in to 13 autonomous states and there are state committees in each of the autonomous states. The party structure of the Unified CPN-Maoist begins from the local cell committee, area committee, district committee, state committee and the central

committee. However, the other political parties have their own structure: local cell, district, zonal/regional and the central committee.

The responsible members of the party are appointed as incharge, co-incharge and secretary in the party committee from state to local, cell committees. The party ordinance has allowed to from secretariat in the committees from CC to the district level.

Because CPN-Maoist has already made the important policy for the struggle from the government, the Constituent Assembly and the street, the responsibilities are divided accordingly. For the struggle of the street, mass organizations, fronts and the forums are in focus. The responsible leaders are appointed as the fraction incharge.

The chief of People's Liberation Army (PLA), Nanda Kishor Pun 'Pasang' said, "PLA opens for new recruitment in the vacant posts of the soldiers if Nepal army does not stop its running recruitment." Talking with the journalists in a press-meet, he further said, "We have our thirty thousand vacant posts of soldiers."

Nepal army is recruiting new soldiers against the Comprehensive Peace Accord. The parliamentary parties are backing the issue in the name of regular function of NA.

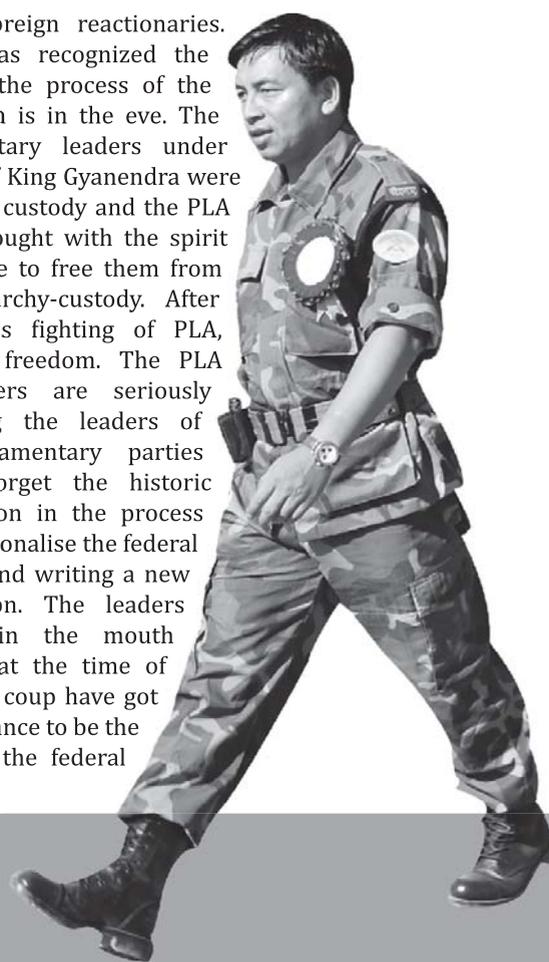
A few days ago, Madhav Kumar Nepal, the leader of CPN-UML and the chief of the committees on writing constitution, had bitterly criticised and blamed the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to be criminals. He said, "The group kept in the cantonment is not army; it is actively involved in the crimes." The irresponsible reaction of

Madhav Nepal is aimed towards the sabotage of peace process and the building of national army.

Just after the end of the budget session of CA, the Maoist-led government is trying to make a harmonious relation with all the political parties to create a favourable environment for writing a new constitution as soon as possible. Prime minister himself is visiting door to door of the leaders of the other political parties for the betterment of the nation and the Nepalese people. However, at the same time, the partner party leader Madhav Kumar Nepal has strongly criticised the PLA and the youth YCDL. He even stated that "the criminal groups should be sent to the jails with fetter."

PLA Chief Nanda Kishor Pun "Pasang" reacts that the expression of Madhav Nepal and the running recruitment of NA are closely related. This is the expression and the action directed and taught

by the foreign reactionaries. UNMIN has recognized the PLA and the process of the integration is in the eve. The parliamentary leaders under the rule of King Gyanendra were put in the custody and the PLA soldiers fought with the spirit of sacrifice to free them from the monarchy-custody. After a vigorous fighting of PLA, they got freedom. The PLA commanders are seriously requesting the leaders of the parliamentary parties not to forget the historic contribution in the process to institutionalise the federal republic and writing a new constitution. The leaders reached in the mouth of death at the time of monarchy coup have got golden chance to be the leader of the federal Nepal.



Otherwise PLA recruits

“We all know that the main task of the government is to write a new constitution and lead the peace process in to a logical end. The extra-others are the secondary tasks for the government. However, the anti-people power and the reactionaries are trying to divert from the main issues and the tasks. Therefore, we advance a head to fulfill these tasks through the street struggle.”

How are you evaluating the unity between CPN-Maoist and CPN (Unity Centre-Masal)?

Our party had already made decisions to make single pole of the revolutionary parties and organization. It is the beginning of the unity among the revolutionaries. This unity will certainly fulfill its responsibility for the nation and the people that is to accomplish the revolution.

You are in charge of the organizational department of the unified CPN-Maoist. How have you done division of responsibility of party leaders?

We are thinking about 2 phases of work division. Party central committee has 138 members. We have done our work division of the first phase. Central committee member will bear the in-charge ship of the state committee of autonomous states, mass organizations, fronts and forums. Secondly, there are special bureaus and departments. Thirdly, there are the responsibility in the fronts of the government, constitutes assembly and the different committees of the government and CA.

We have completed our primary work division to mobilize the three fronts: the government, constituent assembly and the street.

Have you any concrete policy and Programme for mobilizing the three fronts together?

We will raise the agendas of nationality, People's Republic and livelihood during our struggle. For that, we will mobilize the different mass-organizations, fronts and forums.

We have made Unity National Awareness Campaign for the struggle. The campaign will continue for 3 months. This campaign will be implemented in

all the autonomous states. The struggle will be for the national independency and against international intervention.

We have made a new tactical line for People's Federal Democratic National Republic. Under this line and slogan, we will mobilize the people strongly to create the favourable situation for writing people's constitution. Along with it, the campaign is for the development of the country. It is the campaign of social-economic transformation. The programme of the budget will be implemented in the meantime. The task of socio-economic transformation and struggle will be carried together.

How will you be able to advance the two campaigns for the socio-economic transformation and the struggle of street together at a time?

The decision of the party and the government is similar in some of the issues because the party is in the government. Similarly, the front of the struggle is in the government itself and the Constituent Assembly. The street has always been the front of the struggle. We will mobilize these fronts in a harmonious way. The campaign, 'Unity National Awareness Campaign', will unify the three fronts together. And in the other hand, unified mass mobilization will combine these fronts as a supplementary to each other. The street struggle will help the government to draft the constitution of the workers and the peasants.

What are the main hindrances before the Maoist-led government?

The obstacles are both inner and the outer. First, the main inner problem is the activities and the behaviour of the aligned political parties. The UML and the Forum are in the coalition; however, they behave like the opposition. They are creating obstacles on the way to accelerate the vehicle of the government. Second, the old bureaucracy is not helping the government well. We have to solve this problem too. Third, the un-political strike and the

protests in the street in an anarchist way is the another obstacle.

The solution of these problems and the address of the aspiration of the people are the true remedies.

The other important thing is that the government is not getting any chance to implement the plan and the programme as according its declaration.

Thee government has to address them. **Can you assure the people that the programme of social-economic transformation will be implemented all over the nation here after?**

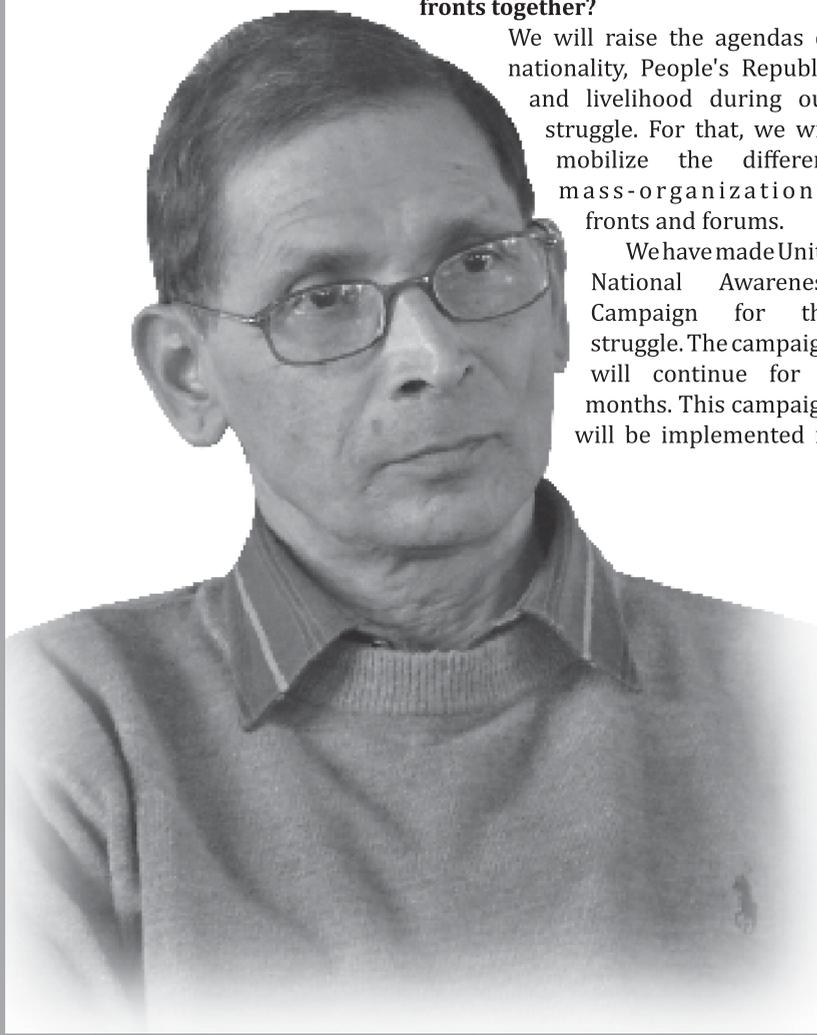
Certainly, the programme of the socio-economic transformation will be implemented and should be. If there will be no favourable environment to implement it, we will go to the street. We have to clear the hindrances occur on the way. At that time, the struggle will be the out come of the obligation. If one situation can not solve the problem, the other situation takes birth through it.

Many of the conspiracies are being hatched to fail the elected Maoist-led government. We all know that the main task of the government is to write a new constitution and lead the peace process in to a logical end. The extra-others are the secondary tasks for the government. However, the anti-people power and the reactionaries are trying to divert from the main issues and the tasks. Therefore, we advance a head to fulfill these tasks through the street struggle.

Is the street struggle related to the future insurrection?

The street struggle is connected with the progress of the peace process. The three fronts: the government, CA and street: are complementary.

However, the front of struggle can take another bend if the anti-people and the reactionary powers create obstacles incessantly against writing constitution and the peace process.



The street struggle is connected with the peace process

■ Kiran

Students in election-struggle

Student unions, federations and the associations are now busy in the struggle for the coming election. They are in the sharp contest in all the campuses, colleges and the universities.

All Nepal National Independent Student's Union (Revolutionary), ANNISU (Rev.), has a bigger influence in most of the higher studies institutions. Therefore, the ANNISU (Rev.) is carrying its programme as a would be victorious students union.

Daily debates and close-down of the educational institutions have raised

questions about the coming election.

The general secretary of ANNISU (Rev.), Himal Sharma says, "We are trying to make a compromise with the other students union for the free and fair election. However, the other students unions are neither ready to accept our proposal nor ready to stop attack over us." This shows increase in incidents during the election period.

This is the first participation in election of the all the students union after peace process.



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EDITORIAL

14th Anniversary of PW

Unified CPN-Maoist is celebrating 14th anniversary of People's War (PW) on 13th February 2009. It is the regular anniversary of PW since its instep in 1996. As the second anniversary of PW after the party entered into the peace process, the 14th anniversary will be celebrated in capital city of Kathmandu this time.

The celebration will be historical in the sense that the entire party and its sister organizations have been centralized for the preparation. Although the celebrating the anniversary of the armed struggle in the peace building process seems controversial, it is the political ground reality of the country. While analyzing the national and the international situation, Unified CPN (Maoist) has chosen such an innovative frame of the struggle. Consequently, the party is constantly leading the political dilemma of this multiparty democratic country to the proper and rewarding direction.

A strong foundation of PW is the cause after making Unified CPN-Maoist victorious in all of the fronts of politics so far. However, the controversial political situation is against its favour; that makes the party take another decisive twist. Doubtlessly, this possibility exists here. The revolutionaries should be alert for ever to take initiative in favour of people and the country. On this account, the celebration will be a pillar for the protection and propagation of the national sovereignty and the national integrity.

The challenges are still inside and outside even after a decade long PW and 19 day People's Movement. The dedicated Nepalese people, who sacrificed and Played a responsible role during the war period, are supporting the process to logical end of the peace process. The inner challenges are un-implementation of the declared policies and the programmes in practice, poor condition of the Peasants and the workers under the old and feudal acts and stronghold of commission agents, defaulters, contractors and the puppets in the state mechanism.

On the other hand, the outer challenges are the enemies of the people are trying to re-establish the over thrown regressive reign. These elements are backed by the foreign powers which want to make Nepal an international play ground. Therefore, the party should reach to the people for 'people's relationship'. Only the people are the creator of the history.

Celebration of the 14th anniversary of the People's War is the continuity of the relationship to the people. The relation with the people means the step forward to the progress. It is the link of the party down to the lower level of the people. It helps to write the constitution in favour of the workers and peasants.

Editor's Note

The opinion expressed in an article "Negation of the Negation" by Roshan Kissoon, in vol. 2, No. 1, Jan. 1-15, is private opinion of the writer himself. We are sorry for our unawareness.

- Editor

Never strike stone from glass house



● Narendra Jang Piter

Now a-days, crowd of people are trying to convey their messages to CPN-Maoist-led government through a strange way. Most of them are the sister organizations of Nepali congress (NC) & Unified Marxist-Leninist (UML). Even their clerks & supporters have also been involved in the same campaign. More over, they have begun to make a loud shout by springing 10 fit higher than those who are in the support of imperialism & feudalism with promise to serve them forever. On the other hand, many officials, professionals & activists are actively keeping the donor agency's agenda in a shadow. A vivid image is in the scene if we observe unifying all their agendas & targets. The image is against the real democracy, independency, national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

They are solely against the forward going steps of the government. They intentionally want to create hindrances on the way of the transformation in the present condition. It means to protect the status quo trend that is ridicule over the aspiration of the entire Nepalese people wish & the dream of the martyrs.

The aim of all these activities is to hit the Maoist-led people and revive the status quo and regressive reign. It is the other form of the anti-revolutionary campaign instead of creative construction.

If that instruction appears as a mission of verse war instead of healthy constructive advice, how does a layman understands it? Nepalese people haven't forgotten the past & never forget as well. Many people have been conscious and they can use their consciousness, qualification & wisdom. Every citizen of this country is acquainted & shocked with the terrible suffering faced by country.

Those, who are always eager to give advice, suggestion, instruction & lesson, they must understand that how much the suggestion is applicable to them also, did they apply it in under their reign? Or are they ready to apply? What ever the expected matters are, to apply them in their own intuition, what kind of role did they play in past & are playing in the present? A common question arises here.

Now, they have an identification to say one and to do another. Therefore, the past reproached them and the future is in ordeal. However, they don't keep this in mind. This is fate of underdeveloped country as well. As long as such negative and improper norms and role can't be turned into positive direction, the country should continue to face the misfortune of illusion.

Our country is standing, now, in between the complex and emotional state with the critical problems, threaten and higher probability. The person, who does not want the real change, will not accept the present change. Only they desire to make the country and people indulge in this cosmetic change. Not a complete change of society by a new trend of making limited in general changes; they serve

the status quo trend. Therefore, they have begun to play the game of making the sentiment of 'complete change'. Their branches and roots are spread everywhere. They are active in various forms as well.

Our country has been an example in the world of peace establishment after having political supremacy of the then agitating political parties. While the opponents of that sentiment are trying to twist and turn the real issues, for giving supreme voice to its glory, significance and weight, Nepalese intellectual circle and the Nepalese people are not in doubt that all the problems are not due to the Unified CPN-Maoist. Nepalese intellectual circle are not in the condition not to support the government. Our authentic invention of peace and its new trend of use are a unique example and gift to the world.

The subject matter, however, are being raised by the instructor/know all to make the people confused are as follows:

1. To interpret war and peace in accordance with appropriateness.
2. To misinterpret the treaties held in the past.
3. Try to manage the history in accordance with appropriateness.
4. To talk only about negative sides of revolution and beautify the status quo.

The above mentioned points show that the opposition parties and the parties that are in the coalition government are interpreting the issues according to their own interest. It is nothing else than the intellectual recreation of freedom and the other aspect is to rise false information.

Cultural Attack over nationality

The government of Nepal has taken action against the show of an Indian film "Chandni Chowk to China". An obligation emerged before the government of Nepal to censor over the show of that film. After the release of the film in some of the cinema halls of the country, a strong protest arose against the film. In the film, there is a dialogue against the sovereignty and the historic-cultural fact of the country. A dialogue, in the middle of the film says that "Gautam Buddha was born in India."

This is not a new utterance of Indian expansionist rulers and the comprador bourgeoisie. It is the frequent repetition of the cultural domination and sabotage over the culture history of Nepal and the holy



place of Buddhists. The twist of the reality by the 'Indian generation' of the former British colony is to continue their semi-colonial intervention in Nepal. This is notorious bullying of Indian expansionist ruling class.

Indian rulers are using another form of interference

because Nepal has been declared a federal republican country and it is going to be liberated from the semi-colonial and feudal condition. The recent Indian publications and films are trying to divert the attention from the activities to liberate the country and the people.



'Maoist-led government leads the process of nation building'

It is impossible to implement the commitment through a traditional thought and working style. I heartily request to all the political parties in the Constituent Assembly (CA) to reach to a new 12-point understanding for the completion of the aspiration and the mandate of the people by building a new Nepal.

I would like to go to the back ground. The election of the CA was completed on 10 April, 2008. Even after the declaration of a result of the election of CA, the way for the formation of a new government was not given for a long time. It was undemocratic culture. The status quo and the regressive elements were afraid of a new initiation of the CPN-Maoist for building a new Nepal by smashing the dogmatist fortification of the past. However, no body had the power to stop Maoist from forming the government. As a result, CPN-Maoist formed a new government according to the republican process.

In national and international level, many of the illusions and suspicions were over the CPN-Maoist at that time. They spread a kind of rumour that the national and the international relations would have been collapsed if Maoists had come into the power. Contrary, the government, in a short period of only five months,

has justified that these illusions were totally false. Moreover, the rumour on the stoppage of international assistance was highly propagated. However, the government has been able to make agreements with international world for more support and assistance to the republican government.

One of the most important

international world that the foreign relationship of Nepal will be based on the friendship, independency and prosperity. I told them that Nepal won't stand for or against of any country and it won't be the play-ground of any international interest. ...

Obviously, Nepalese people had more hopes and expectations from the newly

become possible. Further more, we had no experience of running the state power, too. Therefore, these 5 months were the period for experiencing the process and style of handling state power. The transition was within us, too. The political parties with different opinion had their own interests and limitations. Though the miraculous reform did not

is in progress with the Terai armed groups. The different committees related to the CA are fulfilled. Administrative, Judiciary and academic sectors are being fulfilled. ...

Nation is not built only by the government. The nation is built by the common people under the leadership and plan of the elected government. We cannot advance the process of nation building without the participation and responsibility of the citizens of the country. ...

The village-oriented budget is going to be implemented soon. The correct implementation of the budget will lead the country towards developed condition from underdeveloped; employed from unemployed; justice from injustice; independency from dependency and prosperity from distressed. The budget will be implemented fully along with the formation of the local bodies. ...

Unified CPN-Maoist would like to request all the political parties, traders and owner of the industries, civil society, media, Madhesh, Terai, hills, mountains, Himalayas, all the citizens and international communities to help in the campaign of socio-economic transformation of Nepal with the active participation in all the programmes.

Programme

- Food security commissioner will be appointed.
- Cooperative shops will be opened in each of the VDCs and municipalities.
- Electric record of the citizen will be started.
- Study taskforce will be made for the east-west rail way.
- Fast-track road will be built to link Kathmandu with Terai.
- Alternative energy will be developed.
- The licenses will be cancelled within 6 months if the license holders do not start the work.
- Self-employment plan will be started.
- Karnali and the other remote areas will be brought into the main stream of the development.
- Relief will be provided to the flood victims.
- Education will be made life-oriented and nation-oriented.
- No drastic change in bureaucracy.
- Coupon system in all the offices for the service of the people.
- Justice to all the people.
- A peace campaign all over the country.
- Youth participation in the development of the country.
- End of dowry system.
- A high-level commission for the search of disappears.

achievements in the international relationship is the approval of Indian government to review the unequal treaty of 1950 from the point of view of sovereignty and national independency. I informed the

formed republican government. However, after the experience of 5 months in the government, I must clearly say that due to the old structure, culture and style of the state power; the miraculous reform did not

happened during the period, however, the government found and guided to the way to correct direction. During the period, country-oriented budget has been passed, state revenue is in increase and the peace talk



Karnali

In the Past & Present

Karnali, the marginalized region in the past, is in the expectation of drastic socio-economic transformation with the plan of a high priority. People are consciously waiting for the programmes of the government for help. They are demanding 'Special right' for the region.

■ Deependra Rokaya

History always belongs with the victorious side. Therefore, all through the study of the history of the victorious, the history of the defeated can be understood. The history of Karnali is still unknown; it is distorted and a little bit exaggerated. The king Nagraj made Sinja, the capital of karnali by defeating the 'Pal' dynasty in the 18th century. From that point, the expansion, development and civilization of khas empire begins.

Karnali in the past

The historians have not been able to bring the comprehensive facts prior to khas empire. Khas people in the history, are found to be a brave, fighter and victorious in the place Bebolonia, from the northern part of Iraq Dajla and Furat river of Southern Iraq, the khas caste ruled there for five and half century (from 1700 - 1155 BC). If we observe the history of human race, people of many castes are migrated from west to the east. Likewise, Khas dynasty had migrated

from Khasisthan (IRAQ) to west of kashmir, Balhik state of Afghanistan (where there is still Khasan state), kumau, Gadhwal and ruled there in the 17th century. After that, the 'kutyauri' reign was there in kumaun & Gadhwal since the century to 10th century. Later on, the kutyauri reign was established in Doti State till 13th century. At that time, the Khas caste got victory over khari state of Tibet. That is why king Nagraj were the king of both in Doti and Khari of Tibet.

At that time, 'Khas' had made all of the people of karnali as their volunteer army. They used to propagate the voluntiteer army as 'Sargamini Bahini' (ever victorious army).

After feudal unification of Nepal under the leadership of king Prithvi Narayan Shah, Gorkha army attacked and captured the small states of the western Nepal. Before attack, Gorkha army had completed their recy in a disguised form of 'Sadhus'. Then, Gorkha army captured karnali pradesh in the

festivel of Dashain of 1790.

Karnali Today

After the initiation of Nepalese People's War, the feudal unified state power was in a great fear. People's Liberation Army (PLA), Nepal were all over the country in a strong front with local people. PLA under the leadership of Maoist attacked and got victory over the then Royal Army.

Maoist gave the slogan of autonomous states and its outline. It built the federal Policy and Plan with the right of self determination.

The history has been changed. The monarchy has been abolished and Federal Democratic Republic has been declared. Karnali, the marginalized region in the past, is in the expectation of drastic socio-economic transformation with the plan of a high priority. People are consciously waiting for the programmes of the government for help. They are demanding 'Special right' for the region.

Reflection of social reality in the contemporary Nepalese fictions

The contemporary Nepalese fictions have got a new value and recognition. Though the identifying and demarcating of the contemporariness is a complex process, the period from 1990 is appropriate to identify as the period of the contemporariness in the context of Nepalese society and the epoch making process.

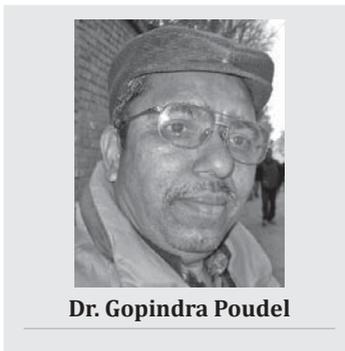
After the outbreak of the People's War in 1996, the intensive periods of the raids and counter-raids as well as the historical 'April Movement' are the important historical incidents in the country. Particularly, the present process of writing the new constitution is contemporariness in the context of transformation of Nepalese society. Therefore, the contemporary fictions are written around these circumstances.

The fiction has increasing popularity among the readers due to its artistic reflection of the reality. Human life itself is a comprehensive fictions. Therefore, the realities of the social life are reflected the fictions more naturally than in other forms of literatures. Because, the human being is the best and highly art-loving creature, the beautiful creations are created in fictions. The beauty of life is generally reflected in the fiction, in

its holistic approach. The creator not only reflects the social life artistically, but also participates in the process of the transformation of the society. In this context, fictions are the historical documents, aesthetic properties and bearers of awareness.

Both the story and the novel are the form-based classification of fiction. In this genre, the society is observed from the perspective of the contemporary world, due to the relation with the dynamic reaction. The incidents and the circumstances created by the compressed process of the Maoist led People's War that influenced the centre since 1996, became the new reality of the contemporary Nepalese society. The process of adapting the new reality is itself the acceptance of sharpness of the reality. The tendency of status quo can not address and adapt the new reality.

This means that the status quo produces the opinion of being indifferent towards the dynamic process and their orientation is to corrupt the new reality. Objectively, we can easily find the mis-reflection of the events in Nepalese fiction also. In this process, they misuse the reactionary media. This is their anti-people and the anti-revolutionary activities. The process of the People's War, now, is leading the society towards



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socio-economic transformation through new constitution. However, the tendency of status quo is trying to corrupt this new and dynamic reality of our society.

In Nepalese fictions, we get the collection of story 'Son of a Guerilla' by Mahesh Bikram Shah and 'Conflict and the Stories of War' edited by Govinda Raj Bhattari and Bishnu Bhibhu Ghimire. And other fiction writers following the tendency of the status quo are Dhurba Chandra Gautam, Pradip Nepal, Narayan Dhakal, Parashu Pradhan, Dhruva Sapakota, Gopal Parajuli, Padmawati Singh, Rajendra Bimal, Dhruva Madhikarma and Kishor Pahadi.

The novels Pradeep Nepal's 'Along the side of Galaxy' Narayan Wagle's 'Palpasa Cafe' of Narayan Dhakal's 'Doorviksha', 'Steps of Sukarat' by Govinda Raj Bhattarai etc. are the mis-reflection of the new reality. In the present reality,

this tendency of the status quo is the dying tendency.

In the context of the fiction writing, the tendency of new reality is strong and more effective. It has applied the process and the method of the real creation. The first one is that the genre has addressed the compact process of the past People's War and, along with it, it has led the creation in favour of the nonstop revolution in totality of Nepalese fiction.

This new and alive tendency is following the revolutionary optimism. It has been the representative of a new creative tendency because it has continuously criticized the old thought, style and cultural value. The new creators are actively participating with a new creation following their pioneers. The creators of the new fiction genre are "Red sky" by Ghanshyam Dhakal, Samargatha by Rhishiraj Baral, "songs of Rebel" by Nadiram KC "Muktimarg" by Kamal Niol, "Jwala" (flame) by Ramchandra Bhattarai, "Towards a Full Moon flowering country" by Dal Bahadur Saud etc. Unprecedented bravery, courage and enthusiasm along with sacrifice and dedication are collected in these fictions. The process of social transformation is artfully expressed in a beautiful way in the works.

The story writing is more fertile than the novel in the

contemporary Nepalese society. Dr. Rhishiraj Baral, Ghanshyam dhakal, CP Gajurel, Harihar khanel, khagendra Sangraula, Smali, Bhaskar, Dil Sahani and Hari Govinda Luintel are the pioneers of this genre. The rising creators are Ganga shreshtha, Hari Bhandary, Rohit Dahal, Punya Karki, Matrika Pokharel, Kamal Niol, Anjan Birahi, Navin Bivas, Hiramani Dukhee, Saral Yatri, Sarala Regmi, Ashok Subedi, Kumar Malla, Anil Sharma, Jhakku prasad Pun, Shyam Kumar Budha, Prabhat Chalaune, Raju Kshetri etc. Most of the new creators have expressed their interest in reflection of a new reality. The works by these creators are composed against the white terror. They have focused on the resistance of the people during the People's War and the People's Movement.

Some of the collections of the stories have exposed the absurdity and feudalistic style prevailing in the name of democracy in the country. The contemporary Nepalese fiction has reflected the contradiction, problem, form of struggle and its suitability. From the point of the over view of the contemporary Nepalese society, fiction writing is impressive and fertile. Because, literature is the mirror of the society, we can find both of the tendencies of progressive and the status quo on it •

Maghi Parva : A materialist Magar culture



■ Durlabh Kumar Pun Magar

Magar National Liberation Front, Nepal (MNLFN), has just celebrated the 'Maghi Parva' (Maghi Festival) at Tundikhel (Opening in Kathmandu) on 14th of January. 'Maghi festival is celebrated on 1st of Magh, according to the Nepalese Calendar (Bikram Sambat), on 14th of January for this year. The festival is celebrated by all Hindus as 'Makar Sankranti' and by Tharu nationality as 'Maghi' (New year day). Although it is celebrated by Magar nationality; however, Magar concept about the festival is quite different.

Magar take this festival as worship of sisters (Bahini Pooja) in return of worship of brothers (Bhai Pooja) which is celebrated on the occasion of Tihar. In Tihar, brothers go to their sisters to get

worshiped and in 'Maghi festival' brothers go once again to worship sisters. Brothers present the sisters 'Meshara' having rice, grain, bread, money and so on. 'Meshara' is a special gift for sisters. But before this every body get bath. Bathing in this cold morning is also accepted as a teaching of hygienic education.

Therefore, in one hand, it is the matter of brotherhood and on the other hand, it is the matter of animism (worship of nature). As well as the brotherhood, this festival shows that women are equally treated in Magar community. We can say no discrimination of sex is found in Magar community and culture.

It proves that Magar nationality believes in animism, in other words, in materialist culture. Magar nationality is in the stage of materialist culture like primitive age of any nationality. It has not any advanced religion even in the 21st century. Why Magar nationality doesn't have any particular religion? Because, Magar nationality is not advanced more than natural worshipping stage. Every modern religion is developed on the base of traditional faith and

worship of nature. Evolution of Magar nationality is trapped around such primitive kind of religious belief. In fact, for 250 years, or more, the nationality is suffering from the stagnation on its evolution due to the interference of Prithwi Narayan Shah, the feudalism-expansionist Gorkha king in the name of so called national unification. He captured all of the developing tribal states on the power of his sword. Not only the tribal states are captured, but the languages, cultures, customs, values, identity etc. in it also captured and on the place of them the load of single Nepali language, single Hindu religion and culture was forced to carry.

In 1769, he initiated his expansionist campaign by capturing Kathmandu valley. Then, he rushed to the eastern part of Nepal ruining Kiranti states. After his death, his descendants and followers didn't stop the expansionist campaign and the trend of capturing states. By 1792, they crossed the Karnali River to crush the Doti state. Then, they crossed Mahakali and captured Kumaun and Garwal of Uttaranchal, now, one of the states of India. They continued it till reaching at the bank

of Satalaj River and Anglo-Nepalese war in 1814.

That's why all of the tribes were unable to develop their culture, language and values on their own way. We can say that the tribes, (further I say nationality) had same kind of stagnation. They were coerced to be tilled to develop stranger's language and culture. Several nationalities are undeveloped. They are powdered between the grind stones of semi-feudalism and semi-colonial Nepalese political scenario even nowadays, which was developed from the Sugauli Treaty after the Anglo-Nepalese war in 1814.

Magar nationality is also the victim of this unfortunate accident. So, new generation has a great responsibility to recover this historical destruction. How can we manage the compensation? Magar National Liberation Front, Nepal pleads to provide the opportunity to all nationalities to develop them. That means to reform the state managing autonomous states based on nationalities. We can't return back before 1769. We have to think in the way of 21st century.

Magar National Liberation front, Nepal wants to establish autonomous Magarant State with right to self determination. It wants to rejoin the broken continuation of developing language and culture. We can now develop Magar culture on its way stopping its vulgarization to Idealism. We denounce the idealism, which is conspired fraud job to save the state power for elite group and against the people. Our front wants to develop the ideology of dialectical materialism from the materialist culture of Magar nationality which is mostly granted for the people.

Such kind of ideology can be developed only and only in Magarant, or other national autonomous states. That's why, Magar National Liberation Front, Nepal is praising Magar cultures based on materialist cultures like 'Maghi Parva', 'Bhumya Pooja'. 'Bhumya Parva' means worshipping of the land. Therefore, the importance of the Maghi Parva, being celebrated in Khulamanch, is extended to ideology, politics and reconstruction of new Nepal.

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Understanding Taiwan and its mainland for World Peace

■ Melsam Ojha

Our friendly country in the north celebrated its 30th anniversary of reform and opening-up. In addition, we recently celebrated 115th birthday of Comrade Mao Tsetung, a heroic political person for the world proletariat. Moreover, this year 2009 is the 60th anniversary of the Foundation of New China (1949-2009).

Last year, Peoples Republic of China organized Beijing Olympic in grandeur and has acquired appreciation from international community. The whole people's communities are observing steps of China and their style of implication of theories into practice with enthusiasm for the nation development. But still China has many arduousness and difficulties.

Migrant workers are facing problems and moreover, its large and vast areas are still underdeveloped. In summation, China is being progressive and developing.

China's inseparable constituents, Tibet and Taiwan have been sport-tools for the people's rivals in an international community. Pro-Tibet Independence is still driven by an external force with an aim to surround China arising power-base in Asian States.

But in Taiwan, from the month of May 2008, a feasible situation has emerged. People have cheered up for **Ma Ying-jeou as a new President for Taiwan in order to complete the unification movement of their motherland.**

The moral value has come in an existence. Truism and reality appears a day.

Ma has always ignored the pro-independence approach and his victory has been hoped to liquefy long icy relationship in cross-straits relationship and would contribute for world-peace.

Introduction to Taiwan Island of China and the Cairo Declaration

Taiwan with an area of 36, 189 sq. km with the population of 23 million presently and has mandarin Chinese as an official language. More than 18 million, the "native" Taiwanese, are the decendants of mainland. Since, the administration was set up from the centuries the international community has acknowledged the fact that Taiwan belongs to China. During the Second World War China, the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and others formed an alliance to oppose the Axis of Germany, Japan and Italy. The Cairo Declaration issued by China, the United States and Great Britain

on 1 December 1943 stated: "It is the purpose of the three great Allies that Japan shall be stripped of all the islands in the Pacific which she has seized or occupied since the beginning of the First World War in 1914, and that all the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria, Formosa [Taiwan] and the Pescadores [Penghu], shall be restored to China." The Potsdam Proclamation signed by China, the United States and Great Britain on 26 July 1945 (subsequently adhered to by the Soviet Union) reiterated: "The terms of the Cairo Declaration shall be carried out." On 15 August of the same year, Japan declared surrender. The instrument of Japan's surrender stipulated that "Japan hereby accepts the provisions in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on July 26, 1945 at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." On 25 October the ceremony for accepting Japan's surrender in Taiwan Province of the China war theater of the Allied powers was held in Taipei. On the occasion the chief officer for accepting the surrender proclaimed on behalf of the Chinese government that from that day forward Taiwan and the Penghu Archipelago had again been incorporated formally into the territory of China and that the territory, people, and administration had now been placed under the sovereignty of China. From that point in time forward, Taiwan and Penghu had been put back under the jurisdiction of Chinese sovereignty. But the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) claims that it has state-state relation with China. Hence, Taiwan's motherland has initiated the functions of **Association for Relations across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS) for the cross-straits peace and reunification process. Its chairman Chen Yunlin had already paid visit in October, the first high-level visit in previous 60 years.**

Cross-Straits Relation is Progressing

Chinese mainland and Taiwan are standing at a new historical starting point after the victory of Ma. Following, the principal of mutual benefit and mutual prosperity, the two straits are deepening themselves for greater cooperation and have realized carrying on the past and opening a way for future. Exchange on people's level in between cross-straits has also begun following the mass-aspirations vigorously. Four events were organized in the last 3 weeks of December 2008 in participation of peoples from

Chinese mainland and Taiwan.

One among the four was, the "4th Cross-Straits Economic, Trade and Cultural Forum" that began on 19th December. More than 400 delegates of the two sides, including businessmen, experts, officials of the CPC and the Kuomintang (KMT), attended the forum. Jia Qinglin, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, and KMT Chairman Wu Poh-hsiung and Honorary Chairman Lien Chan attended the forum. Both the sides have committed to play a vital role to resist the global economic crisis expanding cross-straits cooperation in finance and services sectors under new situation. The Forum has a strategic meaning to normalize the cross-straits economic and trade relation and both the sides have seriously accounted the subjects in figuring the direction to achieve the goal.

Similarly, a winter camp for college students from Taiwan was opened on 21 Dec, 2008 in northeastern Jilin Province. The program was organized to foster exchanges between college students from the Chinese mainland and Taiwan. One hundred and seventy four students and teachers from the more than fifteen universities joined with forty-five students from local Jilin University for the seventh annual event. The program ended on 27th and during seven days, the young people from across the Taiwan Straits took part in performances, lectures and sightseeing activities.

Moreover, the 30th anniversary of the "Message to Compatriots in Taiwan" was commemorated. The message was issued by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. The forum entitled "Opening the Door of cross-Strait Peace" sponsored by China National Radio (CNR) began on December 22 in Xiamen. Nearly 100 scholars from both Chinese mainland and Taiwan attended it. Scholars from across the strait carried out heated discussions on topics such as "the role and function of Xiamen and Jinmen in the course of cross-strait peaceful development".

In addition to these all progress in between two-straits, Chinese mainland has gifted its Island with two pandas grown up in Sichuan. The two pandas, Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan have carried out wishes from mainland to the people of Taiwan for cross-straits relationship. The mainland gifted as per its

announcement in May 2005 to demonstrate its goodwill. However, their departure had been delayed for more than three years and a new situation boomed up in Taiwan has arose feasible environment.

Sport Tools for Imperialism

The imperialist forces which has itself structured in different forms subjugate the peace-making process in globe. Similarly, marginalizes the unification of Taiwan with its motherland. Double-strand policy is the one they utilize to overcome peace process. On one hand, U.S. President George W. Bush reiterated in St. Petersburg that the United States adheres to the one-China policy, warning on any unilateral action that might lead to "Taiwan independence." On the other, Washington continued to place arms for Taiwan against the cross-straits peace approach. In October, Washington sent Taipei \$6 billion worth of advanced weapons with Patriot Advanced Capability-3 guided missile systems, missiles, radars, and control systems designed to defend against missiles and aircrafts. Chinese mainland harshly denounced this deal and warned that it threatens the triangular relationship of Washington, Beijing, and Taipei.

Let us hope new President Barack Obama will not send any wrong information to the administration in China's Taiwan and will cooperate with the rising superpower and only then he could lead his country out of the financial crisis. Let he could be a real grandson of Sir Abraham Lincoln who denied all type of racial discrimination, so does the single sovereignty of a nation.

The fundamental disputes in between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan should not be prolonged and should be solved as soon as possible. The new president of Taiwan, Ma Ying-jeou should not delay implementing Cairo Declaration which liberated them from Japanese occupancy. The people in island and motherland have the common aspirations of unity. Both the sides should successfully embrace a time of communication, cooperation and development on a large-scale, in people's level. And their role in creating a new win-win situation in the peaceful development of cross-strait relationships and world peace is must. The unity could further promote peace in the globe and could set up illustration for the peace in other regions of world. Let both the straits could preserve the unification and labor from ancestor, adopting Cairo Declaration.

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Beginning of Obama

Newly elected United States president Barack Obama, after the oath of office, has ordered to close down the jail of Guantanamo bay. The jail is one of the notorious human torture camps of the 'model democratic country' United States of America. In the camp, anti-imperialist are being brutally tortured, butchered and mercilessly killed. They all are put and killed under the 'democratic act' of "War on Terror". Many innocent people are now spending their lives of torture per second since decades. The most of the innocent people are kept there during the reign of Bush.

Barack's order to close the torture camp is the symptom of something change in American strategy in other form. The policies and the programmes that Obama has publicized clearly show that these are the steps for retreat to accumulate power for another vigorous attack over the countries that have plenty of natural resources.

However, the step taken by new president is worthy to welcome in the beginning for peace. It is like a new starting just after the defeat and farewell of heartless Bush. Even though the people can not expect more from Obama, they are still expecting a slight change in the policy of Barack Administration for the relief to the people in some of the countries, especially, Middle East, Africa, Latin America and south Asia.

Nevertheless, the economy of America is war economy. The war economy has been perished these days. Therefore, the people are not fully assured by the version of Obama because American Administration has already publicised its master plan for it's concentration in south Asia.

CIA is continuously reporting to encircle China as soon as possible. The issue has been related with the promotion and the development of perished US economy. The step for the demarcation of Chinese trade & commerce and its relation with the neighbouring countries will not allow the peace loving people of the aforementioned continents and the countries of south Asia for peace and harmony.

After the dramatic heartless Mumbai attack, American Administration is continuously backing Indian rulers to take action against Pakistan. Pakistan is the country that directly helped American invasion in Afghanistan since a long time. However, Obama Administration wants to extend its play ground in south Asia by capturing even the land of Pakistan, where America is thinking to build a strong anti-Chinese military fortification there.



CA budget session ends

During the session, the CA has built many of the necessary committees related to CA for writing a new constitution. The government has passed only 7 different bills although 12 different bills were proposed in the session.

The budget session of CA has been ended with its historic decisions. The session ended after Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" requested the first President of Nepal Ram Baran Yadav to end the session. The chief of the CA Subas Nemwang concluded the session after President Ram Baran Yadav sent a formal letter to CA.

The session ended on January 19, 2009. The session had begun from September 5, 2008 and continued for 137 days. During the period, the meeting of the CA was held 47 times in 45 days. The work of the CA had been conducted 150 hours and 52 minutes.

In the beginning of a long awaiting session, President Ram Baran Yadav presented a policy and programme of the government on 10th of September. CA had passed it on 14th September after a long democratic exercise. The historic addressing of the President in the CA session was an attractive one in the CA hall. Minister of Finance Dr. Baburam Bhattarai presented the annual budget in the running session. It was the

first budget of the federal democratic republic of Nepal. This budget passed through CA on 11th of November, 2008.

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During the meeting of the CA, the executive head of the state, Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' addressed CA twice. The opposition party Nepali Congress created obstacles many times and PM Dahal consoled them. Prime Minister Dahal had to face not only the problems of the opposition, but also the problems created by the partners of the coalition government.

In the session, other issues of the transition appeared before the government. The murdering of the journalists, hijackings, loots, threats and the street protests were the issues most of the time in the session. The journalists came down to the streets demanding for the security for them.

The workers and the peasants came to the streets in various places of the country demanding for the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights. The workers and the peasants demanded for the revolutionary land reform. The session has been able to take some of the historical decisions in the period of transition. Unified CPN-Maoist has been able to lead the cunning and the 'pioneer' players of the parliamentary system.

The historic achievement of the CA was the declaration of the Federal Democratic Republic and abolition of 240 yrs old monarchy. After the abolition of monarchy, CA created the post of president and the vice-president by ratifying the interim constitution-2007. Maoist leader com. Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachada" was elected as the first Prime Minister, executive head of the state, through CA.

The opposition party and even the alliance of the government tried to repeat the legacy of the parliament past. These parties always paid their attention to make the Maoist weaker

than to help and make the recently established Federal Republic stronger. They tried to make the Maoist-led government fail and bring the regressive elements in the throne again. However, their conspiracy failed.

The American and the Indian powers, during the period, backed Nepali Congress and supported the anarchist activities in the country including the session. They tried to create a favourable environment to make Nepal an international play ground. However, the other neighbouring countries helped the peace process and paid their best wishes for the further development.

The government has, now, got leisure from CA session. It will give more emphasis in writing a new constitution, the federal republican constitution. Along with it, the government will start the works of the development and construction of the country. People are waiting for the entire restructure of the country and the rapid progress and the development.

■ Lekhnath Sajag



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Tamang Lho-Tsar

Tamang, one of the nationalities of Nepal, has just celebrated its festival Lho-Tsar in the country. Tamang autonomous state, exercised and recognized by CPN-Maoist, lies around the hilly regions of Kathmandu valley.

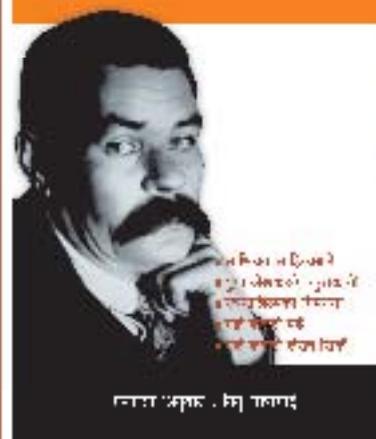
The republican government has identified the festival Lho-Tsar and announced holiday for the festival. The leaders of the Tamang nationality claim that the celebration of the festival itself is struggle.



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