

23 | Agreement between the Government Talks Team comprising the Seven Political Parties and Sanghiya Ganatantrik Rastriya Morcha, Nepal

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In the spirit of the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat *Dalits*, and women; ending all forms of discrimination that evolved over a period of 239 years due to the centralised feudal state against the aspirations of *Adivasi Janajati*, Madheshis, *Dalits*, women, backward groups, minorities and Muslim communities, we, the signatories, have reached the following written agreement, expressing commitment to build a peaceful, prosperous and modern new Nepal, incorporating all Nepalese people, including *Adivasi Janajati*, Madheshis, *Dalits* and women into the national mainstream, by establishing a federal democratic republic based on a new state structure as per the [principles] of a federal system with proportional democracy and autonomous federal states.

1. Those who attained martyrdom during the movements of the Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat and *Dalit* people shall be declared martyrs with due respect and Rs 1,000,000 (one million) shall be provided to the dependent families of the deceased. Provisions shall be made to provide employment to one family member and free education [for children] of each martyr family, and treatment to injured agitators. Charges filed against leaders and cadres shall be withdrawn and those detained shall be immediately released. A taskforce comprising the Government and agitating sides shall be immediately formed and work shall be initiated to identify those who attained martyrdom and those who were injured during the movement.
2. By abolishing the monarchy through the Constituent Assembly, Nepal shall be proclaimed a federal democratic republic and the seven parties shall remain committed to its enforcement.

3. By maintaining Nepal's sovereignty, national unity and integrity intact, a provision shall be made for scientifically determined autonomous federal republic states by the Constituent Assembly based on the historical backgrounds, languages, geographical regions, economic resources and potentialities of Limbuwan, Khambuwan, Tamangsaling, Tharuhat as well as other *Adivasi Janajati*, *Dalits*, backward classes and ethnicities by abolishing the 239-year old centralised system of governance. To ensure this, [a proposal to this effect] shall be submitted and ratified by the Council of Ministers and conveyed to the parties concerned. In the process of forming a new national structure, the self-respect of all groups and ethnicities shall be honoured. The structure of the autonomous states of the republic, complete details, and division of power between the centre and states shall be determined by the Constituent Assembly. For its implementation, this agreement shall be sent to the Commission for Restructuring, which is to be formed in connection with the new national structure.
4. Provision shall be made for inclusive and proportional participation of *Adivasi Janajati*, natives of the Terai, *Dalits*, backward classes, Muslims, women, etc. in all organs of the state.
5. All general shutdowns, including the general strike called by the Federal Republic National Front, Nepal, shall be withdrawn to enable a successful Constituent Assembly election scheduled for April 10, 2008 and all political factions of this Front shall help conduct the election in a conducive atmosphere.

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