



Brief News

Madhav Government Bullying Rule Of Law

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 10, 2010: the news posted on Myrepublic.com has stated that the Madhav government has appointed six labor attachés at different diplomatic missions abroad not following the rules that say the attachés need to be selected through the internal competition from among the staffs with a good command of English and working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). However, the Madhav government has appointed the six labor attachés from the Ministry of Health,

Maoists' Movement And Irresponsible Government

Siddhi B. Ranjitkar

Nepal has remained entirely shutdown since the UCPN-Maoist cadres and leaders celebrated the May Day on May 01, 2010, and thereafter imposed the shutdown of the country in the name of the movement for 'peace and constitution' alleging the current government of NC and CPN-UML has been conspiring not to complete the peace process and not to write a new constitution. The Madhav government has not been able to do anything to break the shutdown, and has not been able to protect the lives and the properties of the people. The central committee meeting of the UCPN-Maoist called off the shutdown program on May 07, 2010.

Nepalis not concerned with politics and not having to do anything with the politics have already passed the first week of May without going out of their homes. People not keeping and not being able to keep sufficient provisions for more than a week have already felt the shortage of food. However, they could go and buy some food items at the double prices at the markets opened for two hours in the evening. The most unfortunates have been the daily-wage earners and people that have lived on dumplings called 'momo' and other Nepalese fast food.

Even after a week, the Madhav government has been just a mute spectator. Not taking any actions against the Maoist cadres that have enforced the shutdown, and not maintaining law and order, Prime Minister Madhav Nepal has shown that he is not accountable to the people and he is not going to resolve the problems of the common folks. In this case, he has no rights to remain as a Prime Minister and collect the salary from the taxpayer's money. If he does then it is a criminal act.

The UCPN-Maoist leaders have been alleging the NC and the CPN-UML leaders that the leaders of the so-called parliamentary parties such as NC and CPN-UML have forced the ceremonial president to abuse the Interim Constitution

Talk of the Nation

Maoists and Madhav Government Head-on Collision

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 10, 2010: the Maoist cadres have enforced the sit-in at all the entry points to the state secretariat in Kathmandu and at the district administration offices across the country following their movement for 'peace and constitution'. The Maoist cadres have blocked all the entry points leading to the State secretariat Singhadurbar in Kathmandu on May 9, 2010.

Maoist cadres have peacefully blocked all entry points except for the Maitighar Mandala where the security people mercilessly have beaten not only the Maoist cadres but also anybody the batons of the security people could reach.

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Ministry of Home, Ministry of Local Development, Prime Minister's Office and the National Planning Commission by the Cabinet decision taken on May 1, 2010. Thus, the Cabinet decision has overridden the rule of law.

When Foreign Secretary Madan Kumar Bhattarai and Joint Secretary Durga Prasad Bhattarai drawn the attention of Minister for Labor and Transportation Mohammad Aftab Alam to the irregularity of appointing labor attachés the Minister has gone out of control and behaved roughly with the high-level civil staffs provoking the staffs of MoFA to submitting a memo to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs threatening them to take the issue to the streets if the government does not punish the offending minister.

About six months ago State Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives Karima Begum of the Madhav government had slapped Chief District Office of Parsa Durga Prasad Bhandari for not providing a sleek car for her visit to the district.

Anybody assaulting someone physically is liable to the fine of Rs 10,000 and two-year imprisonment according to the law but Madam

of Nepal of 2007. They say that the then elected Prime Minister Prachanda resigned following the democratic principles and values protesting against the undemocratic move of the president on directly writing a letter to the then army chief that has been fired by the Prime Minister for indiscipline and for making political comments. The UCPN-Maoist leaders have been saying that thereafter, they have tried several democratic means to correct the president's undemocratic action including the taking of the issue to the legislature for debate but the speaker belonging to the CPN-UML abusing the authority did not allow the debate over the issue at the legislature. In addition, the UCPN-Maoist leaders have alleged the NC and CPN-UML leaders that they have been conspiring together not to write a new constitution and not to complete the peace process; so, the Maoist leaders say that they have no alternative to going to the people for the movement for 'peace and constitution'.

In preparation to the movement for 'peace and constitution', the UCPN-Maoist has held a massive May Day rally marching hundreds of thousands of cadres on the streets and taking them to Tundikhel in Kathmandu for a rally. They have said that similar marches and rallies have been held at the towns across the country. From the May 02 onward the UCPN-Maoist cadres have been ruling the streets enforcing the shutdown across the country.

To counter the call of the shutdown of the entire country by the UCPN-Maoist leaders, the Madhav government has alerted the army and even has said that the government would use the army to control the situation if the marches and rallies of the UCPN-Maoist cadres turn to violence.

On the first day of the movement for 'peace and constitution', one of the leaders of the CPN-UML Bamdev Gautam has emailed the Chairman of CPN-UML Jhalanath Khanal with the names of sixty CPN-UML legislators demanding the end of the Madhav government for paving the way to resolving the political deadlock in view of the political situation brought by Madhav Nepal clinging to the power and by the shutdown of the country enforced by the UCPN-Maoist.

Speaking to the anchor of the Nepalese ABC TV, Bamdev Gautam has said that some members of the 'youth force' affiliated to the CPN-UML have threatened him to take his life several times for emailing Jhalanath and stating to ask the Prime Minister to step down. Some human rights activists have shown their concern for the 'youth force' members attempting to abuse the rights of people to the freedom of expression.

On the first day of the movement for 'peace and constitution', the UCPN-Maoist cadres have marched on the streets of Kathmandu and then assembled at various open places for corner meetings. Before corner meetings they

Several security people and Maoists were injured in the scuffle. The battle started off after the Maoist cadres captured two staffs of the Department of National Investigation allegedly sneaked into their group, and turned the two guys to the human rights activists. Ministry of Home has denied that its staffs have involved in infiltrating into the Maoist cadres at Maitighar but the security forces have used the force against the Maoist cadres after they have indulged in hurting the reporters.

Prime Minister Madhav Nepal has written a letter to Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Prachanda inviting him to talks. The spokesman for the UCPN-Maoist has said that the UCPN-Maoist is going to write a reply letter to the Prime Minister soon. Speaking at the mass rally held at Tundikhel in Kathmandu, Chairman of UCPN-Maoist has said that the ball is in the Court of the government for the reactions to the calling off the indefinite shutdown. The Madhav government and the members of alliance in the governance have been saying that the Maoists need to call off the indefinite shutdown before sitting with the Maoists for any talks.

Leaders of the UCPN-Maoist have been insisting on Prime Minister Madhav Nepal to resign for any talks with

Karima Begum has been continuing her job not to mention serving in a jail or paying a fine of Rs 10,000 for assaulting the Chief District Officer thanks to Prime Minister Madhav Nepal operating above law.

Leaders Of Ten Political Parties Ask Madhav Nepal To Resign

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 11, 2010: leaders of ten political parties including the UCPN-Maoist having representation in the Constituent Assembly have asked Prime Minister Madhav Nepal to leave the Prime Ministerial seat for paving the way to break the current political deadlock.

At a joint press conference held at the UCPN-Maoist' party office, Peris Danda, the leaders of the ten political parties have demanded the resignation of Madhav Nepal for paving the way for forming a new consensus government and breaking the current political deadlock.

The UCPN-Maoist leaders have called the meeting of all political leaders that are for federalism, republic, secularism, democracy, social justice, peace and constitution and have formed a

have danced and sang. Thus, the UCPN-Maoist leaders have managed the first day of shutdown peacefully.

Spokesman for the UCPN-Maoist has alleged that the government has attempted to turn the peaceful marches and rallies into violent letting the army men infiltrating into the participants in the marches and rallies. He has said that the UCPN-Maoist cadres have captured two army men sneaked into the protesting group for spying, and made them public through the media and turned them over to the Nepal Police on the first day of the movement on May 02, 2010. The spokesman has said that thus, the UCPN-Maoist cadres have foiled the government's attempt to infiltrate the army men in civilian dress into the peaceful rallies even on the first day of the movement.

In response to the capture of the army men by the UCPN-Maoist cadres, in strong words the Nepal Army has denied sending the army men in civil dresses to infiltrate into the rallies and has said that the two army men were in their private business and one was going to the Maharajgunj State Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu for treatment, and another was simply drinking cold drink at Sundhara in Kathmandu. Some Maoist cadres have asked why the army man is on his way to the Teaching Hospital when the army has its own hospital at Chhaunu in Kathmandu for the treatment of the army men.

Some leaders of the UCPN-Maoist, NC and CPN-UML have sat together for talks at the Radisson Hotel in Kathmandu on the evening of May 02 trying to reach common understanding. At the same time, the Maoist cadres have held torchlight marches in the towns of the Kathmandu Valley.

From the early morning of May 03, 2010, the Maoist cadres have been on the streets to enforce the shutdown in Kathmandu and in all major towns across the country. They have continued their protest marches and have assembled at the main centers in Kathmandu. They have danced and sang. Some leaders have made speeches, and committed to run their movement peacefully. The second day of the movement has passed without any undesirable events.

However, the Maoist leaders have alleged that the Madhav government has continued to provoke the Maoist cadres. They have said that at the time when the Maoist cadres are preparing to go to their destinations after completing the Gongabu rally, a motorcycle has appeared, the Maoist cadres have stopped it and some infiltrators possibly in cooperation with the police have created a situation leading to the police firing tear gas and blank shots in air. Then, the Maoist leader managing the rally has brought the situation under control without causing any tension.

Addressing the rally held at Sundhara in Kathmandu on May 03, 2010, one of the Vice-chairmen of UCPN-Maoist Dr.

the parties in alliance running the government but Prime Minister Madhav Nepal has said that he is not going to resign at any cost until the UCPN-Maoist vacates the cantonments and dissolve the para-military structure of the YCL after the Maoists have called off the indefinite shutdown. On May 9, 2010, representatives of the businessmen and industrialists have met Prime Minister Madhav Nepal asking him to break the current political deadlock for paving the way to the consensus politics after the Maoists have called off the indefinite shutdown.

The meeting of the NC leaders has decided to continue to support the current Madhav government until the peace process and the writing of a new constitution are completed.

In the meeting of the ten small parties called by the UCPN-Maoist, leaders of all the parties have unanimously stated that the current Madhav government is against the peace process, federalism, secularism, and the writing of a new constitution.

Sincerity Of Political Leaders In Nepal

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

Exchange Rates

May 17, 2010

Currency	Unit	Buying Rs.	Selling Rs.
Indian Rupee	100	160	160.15
U.S. Dollar	1	72.79	73.39
Euro	1	89.55	90.28
Pound Sterling	1	104.93	105.79
Swiss Franc	1	63.92	64.45
Australian Dollar	1	63.89	64.41
Canadian Dollar	1	70.05	70.63
Singapore Dollar	1	52.19	52.62
Japanese Yen	1	7.90	7.97
China Yuan	1	10.66	10.75
Saudi Arabian riyal	1	19.41	19.57
Qatari riyal	1	19.99	20.16
Thai baht	1	2.24	2.26
UAE Dirham	1	19.81	19.98
Malaysian ringgit	1	22.54	22.72
Swedish Kroner	1	9.34	
Danish Kroner	1	12.04	
Hong Kong Dollar	1	9.33	

Note: Under the present system the open market exchange rates quoted by different banks may differ.

International Market

April 7, 2009

Bullion	\$/troy oz.
Hallmark Gold	\$ 1227.70
Platinum	\$ 1686.80
Silver	\$ 18.83

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Sudoku

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Answer to the last week’s Sudoku.

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common platform to stand on institutionalizing these things. They have also come to the conclusion that the current Madhav government is not for completing the peace process, writing a new constitution, federalism, secular state, republic and so on.

The leaders of political parties such as Madhesi People's Rights Forum-Nepal, CPN-Unified, Sanghiya Loktantrik Rastriya Manch, Nepali Janata Dal, Rastriya Janamukti Party, Churebhavar Rastriya Ekata Samaj, Dalit Janajati Party, Nepa Rastriya Party and Nepal Sadhbhawana Party have attended the meeting called by the UCPN-Maoist.

UNESCO Concerns For Assaults On Reporters Covering Protest

By KTM Metro Reporter
in Kathmandu

May 11, 2010: releasing a press statement in Kathmandu on May 10, 2010, the UNESCO chief in the Kathmandu office has condemned the assaults on reporters the protestors have made on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the time of the Maoist cadres blocking the entry point to Sighadurbar at Maitighar in Kathmandu.

Baburam Bhattarai has boasted that the members of the International Community have been amazed by the peaceful protest held by the Maoist cadres. He has also said that the NC and CPN-UML leaders' intention of not writing a new constitution and of not completing the peace process has forced the UCPN-Maoist to launch the peaceful movement for 'peace and constitution'. Dr. Bhattarai has also said that the Maoist cadres will stay, will eat and even sleep on the streets as long as necessary to achieve their political goal; the people's power is great and the people will never lose the battle.

The state-run Radio Nepal has reported that on May 04: the third day of the movement for 'peace and constitution', the local people have defied the Maoists' market shutdown at Satungal and Naikap in Kathmandu but the Maoist cadres have alleged that the NC and CPN-UML cadres have attempted to counter the peaceful rallies of the Maoist cadres there in the name of local people rising against the shutdown. Next day, the Maoist cadres have held a peaceful rally at Satungal and Maoist leaders including Narayan Kaji Shrestha Prakash have addressed the rally.

On the evening of the third day of the movement, the Maoist cadres have formed a human chain around the 27 km long ring road in Kathmandu apparently to demonstrate their numbers and strength. Maoist Chairman Prachanda and his three deputies such as Mohan Vaidya Kiran, Dr. Baburam Bhattarai and Narayan Kaji Shrestha Prakash riding on two pickup trucks have inspected the human chain.

The state-run media have reported that the Maoist cadres are returning home en mass, and the Home Ministry is thinking to help them in going home. The Maoist leaders have denied that their cadres have gone home rather local people have started joining the movement for 'peace and constitution'.

The TV reporters have shown the live scenes of the supporters of the Nevah State on the streets in Lalitpur coming in support of the Maoists' movement for 'peace and constitution' and to assemble at Pulchok for a corner meeting. Speaking to the TV reporter, leaders of the Nevah State have said that they would be on the streets until the movement for 'peace and constitution' would be complete.

At night, riding on a motorcycle, two armed policemen have killed a Maoist cadre and injured two more at Kalanki in Kathmandu apparently in an accident. The Maoists have alleged that the government has attempted to provoke the Maoist cadres sending the armed policemen on a motorcycle to kill the Maoist cadres but they have captured the policemen charging them with a murder and turned them over to the police.

On May 05, 2010, the fourth day of the movement for 'peace and constitution', the Maoist cadres have planed to block the

May 11, 2010: after the UCPN-Maoist leaders have called off the indefinite shutdown of Nepal, the diplomats of the European Countries and the US have been lobbying the leaders of the NC and CPN-UML leaders to keep their words that they would sit at a negotiating table with the leaders of the UCPN-Maoist for breaking the political deadlock. Previously, leaders of the NC and CPN-UML have said that the UCPN-Maoist leaders need to call off the indefinite shutdown before having any talks with them.

However, after the UCPN-Maoist leaders have called off the indefinite shutdown, leaders of NC and CPN-UML have put forward some other preconditions for sitting with the Maoists for talks clearly indicating that the leaders of NC and CPN-UML are not only for not following the rule of law but also not keeping their words.

The CPN-UML central committee meeting has passed that it will take the proposal for extending the term of the Constituent Assembly for a year as desired by Prime Minister Madhav Nepal indicating that Madhav Nepal wants to extend his term for another year by hook or crook.

The UCPN-Maoist central committee meeting has passed that it is not for

"These attacks violate the fundamental rights of media professionals" reporting on yesterday's events, the agency said in a press release. "But they also attack the right of everyone to receive a diversity of information and ideas."

The agency said it is particularly concerned about the attacks, as the assaults on reporters have occurred just days after the world has celebrated the World Press Freedom Day on May 03, 2010.

Reporters have been the victims of both the security forces and the protestors in Nepal.

'Resign Madhav Nepal On Moral Ground' Says Prachanda

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 12, 2010: Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Prachanda has said that the Madhav government has been already in minority after the formation of a new coalition of ten political parties that are for federalism, secularism, republic, writing a new constitution and competing the peace process so Madhav Nepal needs to resign even on the moral ground according to the state-run newspaper 'The

roads that ministers will take for going to work at the State secretariat called Singhadurbar in Kathmandu but most of the ministers have sneaked into their workplaces before dawn. Ministers have been riding the police van for going to work.

In Bhaktapur on May 05, 2010, the Maoist cadres have come head-on collision with the 'youth force' cadres at Tuchimala. The Maoist cadres have charged the 'youth force' cadres with firing three shots attempting to provoke the peaceful rally. They have picked up the magazine and one bullet allegedly dropped by the 'youth force' cadres. They have complained to the local administration with the magazine and the bullet. The 'youth force' cadres have denied firing shots. The 'youth force' cadres have been in Bhaktapur to counter the Maoist cadres shutting down the market there.

Similarly, the Maoist cadres have alleged that the Madhav government has used vigilantes to attack the peacefully marching and rallying people at Jorpati and Budhanilkantha.

May 06 is the fifth day of the movement for 'peace and constitution'. Today, the incidents of fighting between the Maoist cadres and other groups have broken out briefly in some places. The serious one has been in Birgunj where the Hindu group has burned down the vehicle the Maoists have been using but the fight has come under control. Speaking to the TV anchor, the Maoist legislator injured in the incident has alleged that the police in the guise of the Hindu group have provoked the Maoist cadres.

Indian Ambassador to Nepal Rakesh Sood has met with Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Prachanda at the residence of Prachanda on May 06 in the morning, and has made an offer of mediation but it is not known whether Chairman Prachanda has accepted it or not.

US Ambassador Scott H DeLisi has met with Deputy Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Dr. Baburam Bhattarai on May 06, and has shown keen interest in helping the Nepalese leaders in breaking the current political deadlock.

On May 06, 2010, the central committee of the UCPN-Maoist has decided to fight back the attackers, and permit the vehicles carrying vegetables to the different parts of the country. Farmers have been asking the UCPN-Maoist for permitting them to take their perishable products to the market since the launching of the movement for 'peace and constitution'. The central committee of the UCPN-Maoist has also decided to permit the opening of the market for four hours from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM for making people in general able to buy and sell the items of their daily necessities.

On May 07, 2010, fighting between the Maoist cadres and the peace marchers has broken out at Ratna Park in Kathmandu and at Pulchok in Lalitpur. Federation of Nepal

extending the term of the constituent Assembly, as it would give the NC and CPN-UML leaders to continue their illegitimate rule.

The NC central committee meeting has passed that it would continue to support the Madhav government hoping that the NC and CPN-UML leaders would continue their fight and then finish off each other or they have no other alternatives to supporting the Madhav government. Most of the central committee members of the NC are allegedly corrupt politicians and defeated in the elections still they have been enjoying the state power indirectly.

Chairman Prachanda Apologizes To The Public

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 13, 2010: speaking at the interaction with reporters, intellectuals, businessmen human rights groups and civil society activists held at the Hotel Yak and Yeti in Kathmandu on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, Chairman Prachanda has apologized to the reporters, intellectuals, businesspersons and residents of Kathmandu for hurting them by his harsh words spoken at the mass rally held by his party at Tundikhel in

Rising Nepal' of May 11, 2010.

If Madhav Nepal is an ethical person he would have never been a Prime Minister rather he would go to the people begging for pardon for the misdeeds he had done in the past. However, Madhav Nepal has continued to do many anti-people deeds for grabbing anything he could before he is pushed out of power. He has been running the administration with his cabinet decisions rather than following the rules. So, he has been bullying the rule of law.

His ministers have been terrorizing the state officials. Recently, the Labor Minister has manhandled one of the highest-ranking civil officials when the official has attempted to convince the minister of his decision on appointing labor attachés goes against the rules and does not follow the rule of law. About six months ago, another Minister of State had slapped the Chief District Officer in public causing uproar among the state employees. Prime Minister Madhav Nepal has failed to take any actions against such ministers even though the law prescribes the fine of Rs 10,000 and two-year imprisonment for assaulting anybody.

Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) has held a peace rally at Basantpur in Kathmandu to put pressure on the political leaders for working on the consensus politics. However, many people have marched to Basantpur in the name of a peace march and shouted slogans that don't suit to the peace marchers to shout. So, President of FNCCI Kush Kumar Joshi has said in the online notice that some undesirable elements have infiltrated into the peace rally, and his organization has no program on peace marches.

Speaking to the Sagarmatha TV reporter, one of the Maoist cadres has alleged that the government has given Rs 50 million to the corrupt businessmen, professional organizations and NGOs for holding a peace rally to counter the peaceful movement of the Maoists for 'peace and constitution'. He has alleged that the corrupt businessmen, industrialists, professional and artists paid by the government have held the so-called peace marches and a peace rally on Friday, May 07, 2010 to counter the Maoists' protest movement.

On the night of May 07, 2010, the central committee meeting of the UCPN-Maoist has decided to call off the indefinite shutdown in view of the government creating a situation of the infighting among the people and in view of the sufferings of the people caused by the shutdown; however, the Chairman of the UCPN-Maoist has said that other forms of protest programs will continue.

On May 08, 2010, the UCPN-Maoist cadres have marched from different parts of Kathmandu and converged at Tundikhel for a mass rally. Speaking to the mass rally, Chairman of the UCPN-Maoist Prachanda has said that his party has called off the shutdown program and will wait for two days for the government's reactions to it. He also has charged the government with sponsoring the thugs for participating in the peace marches and for shouting 'hang Prachanda' and 'declare Maoists as terrorists'. He has questioned 'is it a peace march, and can they bring peace hanging someone?' Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Prachanda has said that people have removed the king from the Narayanhiti palace, now they have to remove the minor kings reigning in Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur and the corrupt businessmen, industrialists, and professionals thriving on the corrupt administration.

Listening to the leaders of the UCPN-Maoist and the leaders of the political parties in power, we can conclude that they are not for reconciliation not to mention the consensus politics. The current government and the twenty-two political parties have clearly shown the characters of the past corrupt governments that did not want to reconcile with the opposition but opted for annihilation. If the current trend of the Maoists going against the current government and the government not budging from its stand on remaining in power on a majority rather than the consensus vote, the confrontation will continue and will take a serious political

Kathmandu on Saturday, May 08, 2010. He has said that Kathmandu is his constituency and he is not for hurting the constituents. Concerning the reporters, businesspersons and intellectuals that have involved in discrediting the Maoists, he has said that only percent of them is of that type.

At the massy rally held at Tundikhel in Kathmandu on May 8, 2010, Chairman Prachanda has said that his people have recorded in their heads what the reporters have written, what the intellectuals, businesspersons and so on have done to foil the movement launched for peace and constitution. They would settle the scores with them in due time.

He has also said that his party has realized that the indefinite shutdown of the entire country enforced by his party for six days is a mistake and his party would not repeat such mistake in the future.

Concerning the integration of the armies, returning the seized properties and tearing down the YCL barracks, Chairman Prachanda has said that he is ready to compete all those things within the extended term of UNMIN for four months provided the political parties in power are willing to do so; however, they have been playing a

UN Extends Term Of UMNIN For four Months

By KTM Metro Reporter
in Kathmandu

May 13, 2010: the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution on May 12, 2010 on the renewal of the UN Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) for another four months until September 15, 2010 in line with the request made by the Government of Nepal last week according to the UN News Service posted on May 12, 2010. It has shown its concern for the recent tensions in the country and has called on all political leaders to resolve their differences through peaceful negotiations.

Briefing the Security Council last week on the latest political developments in Nepal, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Representative in Nepal, Karin Landgren has said that the peace process is at a "delicate and critical moment," and warned of the risks if a solution is not found soon.

"The risks grow from one day to the next," said Ms. Landgren. "This situation should not be allowed to continue, and all encouragement is needed for both sides to deepen their discussion, come to agreement, and resolve the crisis speedily."

fight that will certainly finish off the corrupt regime, as Nepalis have been always against the corrupt politicians, businessmen and industrialists in the past.

May 14, 2010

US Ambassador Meets With Vice- chairman Of UCPN-Maoist

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 14, 2010: US Ambassador to Nepal Scott H DeLisi has met with one of the Vice-chairmen of UCPN-Maoist Narayan Kaji Shrestha 'Prakash' at the Shrestha's residence, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur on Thursday afternoon, May 13, 2010. Vice-chairman Shrestha has quoted the ambassador that the US is ready to cooperate with the consensus government led by the Maoists on all the matters. Vice-chairman Shrestha has said that the US ambassador has shown concern for the current political deadlock; to this, Vice-chairman has said that his party has been working hard to build consensus among the political parties being flexible to the extent possible. Concerning the US diplomat's query about the extension of the term of the Constituent Assembly, the Vice-chairman has said that the Constituent Assembly is the agenda of his party, so would not let it dissolve before achieving its goal of concluding the peace process and promulgating a new constitution.

Speed Up Integration Of Armies Says UNMIN Chief

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 15, 2010: speaking at a press conference held in Kathmandu on Friday, May 14, 2010, UNMIN Chief Karen Landgren has said that the Security Council (SC) is concerned very much with the delay in building consensus on extending the term of the Constituent Assembly (CA) and with the stalled peace process that has to be completed with the integration of the two armies into a single army.

Miss Landgren has said that the SC has met on May 5 to reflect on the report of the UN Secretary-General on the Nepal's peace process and the work of the UNMIN; the SC has called the Government of Nepal and the UCPN-Maoist to take the full advantage of UNMIN's expertise and readiness to help the parties concerned in building consensus on the political problems within its mandate, and to support the peace process.

She has said that she has informed the SC that UNMIN had long warned of a dangerous slide in the peace process with

dirty political game to corner the Maoists, put all blames such as not extending the term of the Constituent Assembly and not completing the writing of a new constitution on his party. He has said that even if the term of the Constituent Assembly is extended for a year, the political parties in power are not going to complete the writing of a new constitution, as they would engage in cornering the Maoists and trying to break them up, nothing else.

FNCCI Putting Pressure On Political Parties For Consensus Politics

By KTM Metro Reporter in
Kathmandu

May 14, 2010: at the press conference held in Kathmandu on Thursday, May 13, 2010 to make public the decisions made by FNCCI, President of Federation of Nepal Chambers of Commerce and industry (FNCCI) has said that FNCCI gives two days means Friday and Saturday to the leaders of the three major political parties such as UCPN-Maoist, NC and CPN-UML for working on the consensus politics if they don't work on the consensus politics by the deadline set by FNCCI then the business and industrial community would not give any

The outstanding tasks are to complete the peace process integrating the two armies into a single army, and the writing of a constitution by the deadline set for May 28, 2010.

the delay in promulgating the constitution, and on integrating and rehabilitating the Maoist army personnel in the political climate of mistrust. In its Resolution, the SC has shown its concern over the political deadlock, and called on all sides to work on the consensus politics.

She has appreciated both the government and the Maoists for their considerable restraint on not resorting to using forces and violence during the indefinite shutdown enforced by the Maoists and for calling-off of the Maoist-enforced indefinite shutdown. She has said the call-off of the indefinite shutdown has been a step forward to an environment conducive to building consensus politics but the concerned parties have to capitalize on this matter, yet. She has also said that the SC has been concerned with the lack of consensus on extending the term of the CA.

Acting President Of NC Sushil Koirala Meets With Prachanda

By KTM Metro Reporter in Kathmandu

May 15, 2010: Acting President Sushil Koirala has met with Chairman of UCPN-Maoist Prachanda at the Prachanda's residence, Nayabazaar in Kathmandu today obviously to sort out the problems of disagreements of the political leaders on various serious political matters before the term of the Constituent Assembly (CA) expires, as it is going to expire soon if its term is not extended.

Acting President Sushil Koirala's stand has been on not dissolving the current government of Madhav Nepal but UCPN-Maoist Chairman Prachanda has been insisting on first tearing down the Madhav government then only talking on other matters including the extension of the term of the CA. The Maoists have been saying that it does not make sense to extend the term of the CA as long as the Madhav government remains in place.

On what matters they have agreed on is not know, yet but they have to come to a definite agreement on certain political matters soon otherwise the political situation will be pushed to the uncertainty and the unscrupulous politicians would take the benefits of this situation leading the need for the Nepalese people to take up another movement for preserving the achievements made by the people during the second people's movement in 2006.

The Nepalese media has recently unfold the news that the NC leaders are thinking to lead a national government including the Maoists but how they would be able to do so at the time when the Maoists have been demanding to lead a national government remains to be seen.

donations to any political parties and even would not pay taxes if such a need arises, and would hold peace rallies at all the 75 districts across the country for putting pressure on the political parties.

President Joshi has also complained to the reporters that when a team of FNCCI went to see the Prime Minister asking him to pave the way for the consensus politics after the UCPN-Maoist has called off the indefinite shutdown Prime Minister Madhav Nepal has refused to listen to the team rather has made ridiculous charges against the business community.

Some leaders of NC and CPN-UML have been nervous of the business and industrial community not going to pay even taxes if the current political deadlock continues. They have said that the community needs to unfold the amounts of donations paid to the political parties rather than threatening not to pay taxes.

Book Review**Mahabharat: A Story about Love and Revenge**

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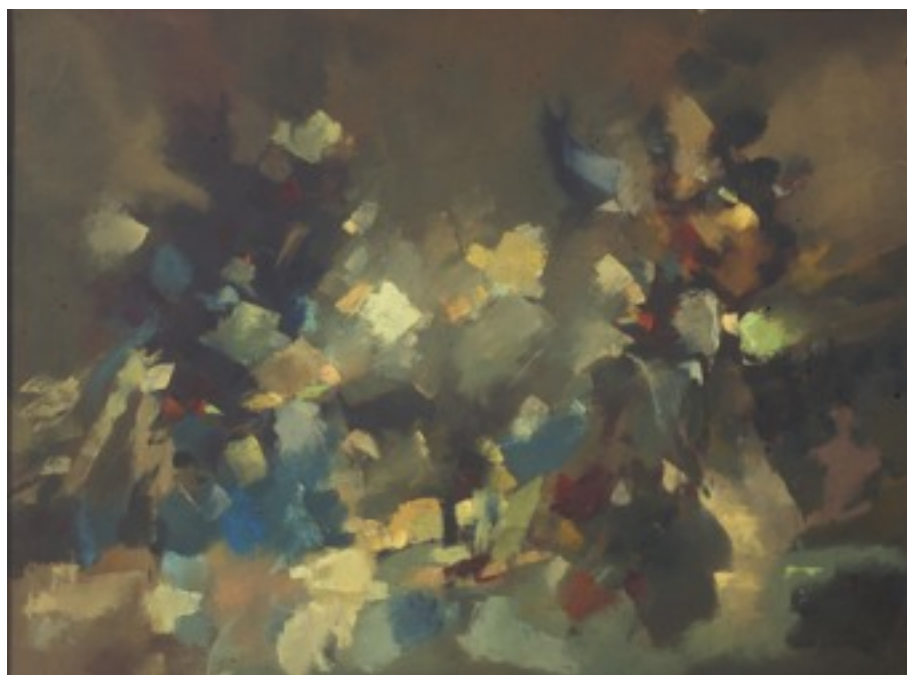
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 Be Human and perform your duty.

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