

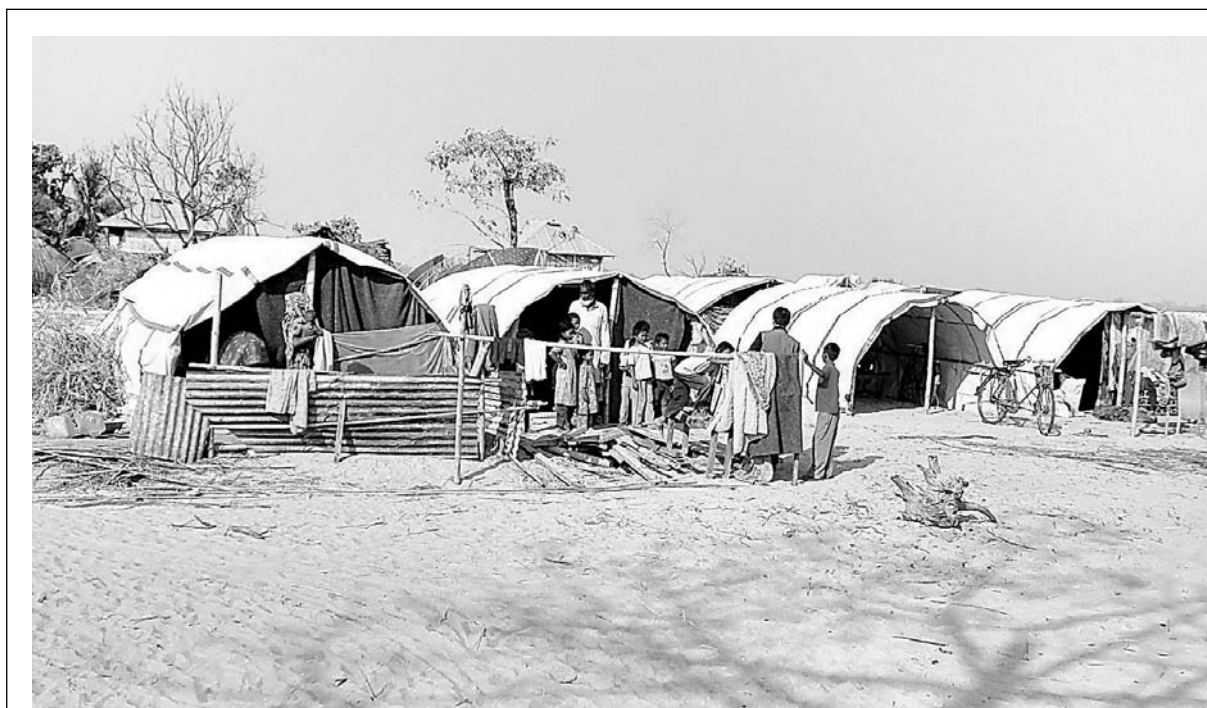
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Integration sans NC

POKHARA, Nov. 27 (PR)-Minister for Information and Communications Krishna Bahadur Mahara said the integration of Maoist combatants into the Nepal Army will take place even if the Nepali Congress (NC) did not join the Army Integration Special Committee (AISC). Speaking at a press Meet in Pokhara on Wednesday, Minister Mahara said that AISC can perform its stipulated duty without the NC's participation. "The special committee will carry out the task of army integration even if NC opts for sitting out of the committee," he said. "The integration of PLA combatants into the Nepal Army will take place as decided by the special committee." He also said that people's republic, proposed by his party, will not be run by single party and feudal as rumored, it will be competitive.

4 armed men held

JANAKPUR, Nov. 27 (PR)-Police arrested four people in possession of weapons from Hariharpur VDC-2 in Dhanusha district on Wednesday night. A police patrol team from Area Police Office, Mahandranagar, nabbed the four -- Dipak Yadav of Janakpur-14, Mahesh Kumar Mandal of Janakpur-8, Karna Chaudhary of Bardibas and Pradip Rai of Bagmati, Rautahat. Police said a revolver, some bullets and socket bombs were also seized from them.



People displaced by Koshi floods in makeshift huts in Sunsari district, Thursday. Over 25 thousand people in Sunsari were displaced after the Koshi breached its embankment in August this year. PHOTO: BIKASH LOHANIRSS

Address our demands: Dalits

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Dalits on Thursday demanded that their genuine concerns be addressed in the new constitution of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. At a public hearing on the agenda of Dalit-oriented constitution organised on Thursday by the Central Region Committee of Dalit NGO Federation (DNF), political leaders of various parties expressed their concerns on the lack of pro-

portional representation of Dalits in the state mechanism. During the programme, the chairman of DNF presented a paper demanding that genuine grievances of Dalit communities to be addressed in the new constitution. Leader of CPN-UML Shankar Pokhrel said that Dalits have been deprived of equal access to state structure. "It is the shortcoming of political parties not to take prompt initiatives

toward the proportional representation of Dalits in the constitution," he said. "Nepal's Dalit Movement is still not developed as a national development." Shedding light on the inclusion of Dalits, Dinanath Sharma, leader of the CPN (Maoist) expressed dissatisfaction at social discrimination of Dalit communities. Responding to a query of an audience in the program, he said, "In the state mechanism and state

authority, presence and participation of Dalits is a must and the Hindu society is, to a large extent, responsible for long-standing social exclusion of dalits." Minendra Rijal of Nepali Congress also said that Dalits should have a political access to statecraft to wipe out the social discrimination. The issues of economic, social, political, legal and educational concerns of Dalit communities were discussed in the programme.

We will respect CPA: Baidya

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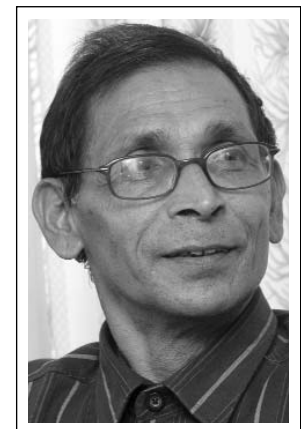
Chief of the organisational department and top CPN (Maoist) leader Mohan Baidya on Thursday said that there is no disagreement in his party about army integration, as it believes that the peace process should reach its logical conclusion. "We believe that drafting constitution and army integration should go simultaneously," he said. "We signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and will abide by it."

"We do not want to hurry the army integration but we believe that it should be well-thought out," he said. Commenting on the national cadres' meet that concluded Wednesday, Baidya said that the new policy adopted by his party was an advanced form of people's republic.

"Earlier we were only talking about people but now our focus is also on oppressed and marginalised groups ensuring their proportional representation in the state structure as well as on the rights of ethnic groups and of regions," said Baidya.

The policy 'People's federal democratic national republic' adopted by the cadres meet on Wednesday will also institutionalise democratic republic and protect national sovereignty,

ty, he said. The working policy will also be instrumental in writing the new constitution, the immediate goal of the party, Baidya said. "The new working policy slogan has addressed all four aspects of republic --



Mohan Baidya

people's republic, federal republic, democratic republic and national republic," said Baidya in a press conference organised by Reporters' Club.

The five-day long national cadres meet ended on Wednesday adopting a new working policy which synthesized the two proposals presented by CPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Baidya.

Dahal had stressed on 'people's oriented federal competitive republic' while Mohan Baidya had stressed on 'federal national republic'. Baidya said on

Thursday that his policy of federal national republic is a revised version of 'people's republic'.

He, however, said that not all the ideological issues have been resolved yet and these would be decided by the party's national convention which is scheduled to take place in six months.

The national cadres meet also demonstrated that by openly discussing the two opposing viewpoints, it convincingly proved that internal democracy is strong with the CPN (Maoist), he added.

"People were saying that our party would split but we showed it to them by becoming united," said Baidya.

From a state of internal contradiction, the party moved forward towards transformation through unity, Baidya said.

"After such a conflicting process, a party usually splits but in our case we fused populist approach and dialectic approach and transformed the party," he said.

He conceded that the Maoist-led coalition government had not been able to do much in the 100 days of governance and said that their hands and feet have been tied as the structure is old and it is very difficult to expect radical changes in such a structure.

Terrorist attack rocks Mumbai

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Incidents of terrorist attacks are not new in India but as the country is advancing economically and experiencing the widening of its clout in world politics in recent years, it has invited such attacks more frequently. In September, a series of blasts rocked the capital New Delhi. Before that, it was in places like Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Surat and Guwahati. In his recent interaction with India's top police officials, Indian Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh had told that the country cannot afford a repetition of such terrorist attacks.

Meanwhile people on the street blame police inefficiency and rampant corruption in the organization for the stunning repetition of terrorist attacks. "I don't believe it happened without any participation of someone from inside the police," a shopkeeper in south Delhi told the Post as he watched the fighting live on TV. "They are corrupt and couldn't even see this coming. Even if they had seen, I suspect in their ability to prevent."

The central government in Delhi was quick to respond. The prime minister convened an emergency

cabinet meeting earlier Thursday morning and reviewed the overall security situation of the country according to wire reports. Emerging out of the meeting, central home minister Shivaraj Patil assured that terrorists wouldn't be able to defeat the nation of India. "The first priority is to free the hostages," he told reporters. "[The terrorists] want to frighten us, but we as a nation we are strong and they will not succeed."

Prime Minister Singh is expected to address the nation Friday. Reports say that he wanted to visit Mumbai Thursday but security agencies advised him not to citing security reasons.

Some Indian media are already branding the incident as India's 9/11 while some are calling it an example of international terrorism in which not only India but major powers of the world are targeted. Witnesses who escaped from the captivity of gunmen were on TV saying that the terrorists specifically asked for American and British passport holders. "They basically were saying they wanted anyone with British and American passports," said a Briton, smear on his face, on Times Now TV. "There were about 15

people, about half of which were foreigners. We went to the 18th floor. It became very smoky, and we escaped and ran down the stairs. They had guns, one machine gun and one rifle gun. They were in jeans and T-shirts. Just normal, casual."

A photo taken by a journalist of Maharashtra Times from the Times of India building showed a young man with curly hair wearing an assault rifle and wearing a black T-shirt and jeans, a blue backpack slung over his shoulders. He also appeared to be wearing Rakshaybandhan, a thread that Hindus put during the day of Rakshyabandan, thus confusing many about his identity. It has been widely reported by Indian media that the terrorists, who reportedly came in boats and entered the country via

Gateway of India located on the southern tip of Mumbai, are Islamic militants and are associated with groups like Pakistan based fundamentalist organization Lashkar e Toiba. That hasn't been proved. Several Indian media reported that they received e-mails from a group identifying itself as Deccan Mujaheddin and claiming the responsibility for the attacks.

R.R. Patil, the deputy chief minister and home minister of Maharashtra of which Mumbai is the capital, said the gunmen came from the sea about 9 p.m. Wednesday.

This attack was different than what India has been facing recently, particularly in the way it was executed. In previous instances a bomb or two would be anonymously planted in an unsuspecting location. This

time, young people with jeans, AK-47s and backpacks came with an intention to kill and die. And, at the time of this writing, they were continuing their fight since almost 20 hours right in the heart of India.

Terrorist bombings have killed more than 200 people since May in India. More than 200 people were killed in July 2006 when a series of blasts ripped through railway trains and commuter rail stations in Mumbai. The city saw 257 people killed and more than 1,100 wounded in a series of 13 bomb blasts in March 1993.

Rs 2.4b UK aid

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DFID will also provide £ 500,000 (Rs 66,32,45,000) to the Constituent Assembly, said the British minister on Thursday.

Earlier on Tuesday, the British minister, who had arrived here for a four-day visit on Monday, had announced a financial support of £1.4 million (around Rs 168 million) for the Koshi flood victims and pledged £4.5 million (Rs

542.655 million) to build two bridges in the eastern Nepal. Similarly, on Wednesday the minister had announced aid of £660,000 (Rs 795.894 million) by the British government to National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) for climate change

in Nepal. Druing his meeting with Prime Minister Dahal, he discussed issues of peace agreements and poverty alleviation. Foster said the Prime Minister was determined to work for the economic empowerment of the rural people.

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