

Agreement Letter

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The fourth phase of talks between the Talks Team of the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction and Chure Bhawar Pradesh Ekta Samaj, Nepal was conducted on 13 September 2007 (27 Bhadau 2064) at the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction in a cordial environment and the following agreements were reached upon:

1. Necessary legal steps will be taken to withdraw the cases against the nine activists (of Chure Bhawar Samaj), who were accused of murder and arrested during the Chure Bhawar movement in Yagyabhumi VDC of Dhanusa district. Also, other cases registered and arrest warrants made during the movement will be annulled.
2. Arrangements will be made immediately to provide people with services as protection issues have made it difficult to travel to (district) headquarters to utilise the services provided by the government bodies.
3. The government's decision to provide 1 million rupees to the family of Mangal Bahadur Gurmachhan, who received martyrdom after being killed by the police during the movement of Chure Bhawar Pradesh Ekta Samaj, should be implemented immediately. Arrangements should also be made to provide medical treatment to those who were injured during the movement and have still not received treatment, including the Vice Chairman of Chure Bhawar Pradesh Ekta Samaj.
4. The process of providing relief to the families of those who have been killed by the attacks of various armed groups in Tarai should be continued.
5. The responsibility of investigating incidents that took place during the movement in Chure Bhawar region has been handed over to the commission formed to investigate Tarai incidents. The Commission should be provided the support it needs to complete its work on time. On the basis of the report (presented by the Commission), appropriate action should be taken against those responsible for damages to life and property in the region, and relief should be provided to the people.
6. While restructuring the state, autonomous federal system should be established as determined by the constituent assembly, such that Nepal's sovereignty, national unity and integrity are strengthened.
7. Work related to development and forestry, and contract-based work of stone, sand, soil, gravel etc. in the Chure Bhawar region should be carried out only after agreements have been reached with the local bodies.
8. All sides should remain active in order to maintain mutual harmony and to develop mutual understandings between the people of Tarai/ Madhes, hill and mountain regions so that national unity and integrity can be strengthened.
9. Chure Bhawar Pradesh Ekta Samaj expresses its commitment to help conduct the upcoming constituent election on 22 November in a free, fair and fear-free environment and withdraws all plans for the movement.

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