

## CPA TALK 19

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The peace process has not been able to achieve the degree that it should have, but at the same time the relative achievement can't also be denied that it had brought. Republic, federalism (geographical though), proportional representation of marginalized communities and the fundamental rights are positive results of the peace process. But in totality, it has not been able to bring the desired change.

After the royal palace massacre of 2001, the question of nationality became a pressing issue. The need of the time was not continued conflict among political parties but a level of compromise, coordination and dialogue for the cause of preserving national sovereignty which made a realization for the need of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

The first and second rounds of talks fail because the state used talks only as a tactical move. The talks were only to show to the outsiders. They were not sincere for change. This is why it did not work out. The state was not ready to accept federalism, republic and Constituent Assembly, key agenda raised during the People's War. All forces, Maoists, SPA and the palace stood on the same page on matters of sovereignty and independence for signing the CPA.

India's role should be seen from two perspectives: that of Indian people and that of Indian establishment. The goal of the establishment has been to establish dominance in Nepal for a long time.

The spirit of CPA dictates that all war-time cases be withdrawn, and detainees released. Thus the wartime cases has been settled through the CPA. But then various power centers started to play inside Nepal, demanding that wartime cases should not be withdrawn. The parties reached an agreement to form TRC and CIEDP so as to settle the issue through reconciliation. But then some started to say it needed a separate act, the role and jurisdiction of these bodies started to be debated and it took years to form TRC and CIEDP. Wartime cases should be withdrawn or annulled because they are political cases, not criminal. If those cases cannot be withdrawn, a judicial commission should be form to investigate these cases and to forge reconciliation. But this is not happening. It seems they are deliberately creating confusion.

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