

**The Code of Conduct for Ceasefire agreed between the Government of
Nepal and the CPN (Maoist) on 25 May 2006 at Gokarna**

Preamble

Respecting the popular mandate expressed through the historic people's movement in favor of full democracy, progress and peace;

Remaining committed towards the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, and the basic principles and norms concerning international humanitarian law and human rights;

Expressing commitment to fully comply with the 12 points understanding reached between the seven political parties and the CPN (Maoists);

Expressing commitment towards democratic values and norms, including a competitive multi-party system of governance, civil liberties, fundamental rights, human rights, press freedom and the concept of the rule of law;

Guaranteeing the fundamental rights of the Nepali people to participate in the process of framing a constitution through participating in the election of constitution assembly without being influenced by any fear, threats, or violence;
and

Placing in centre the democracy, peace, prosperity, and progressive social change, and the independence, sovereignty, and dignity of the country;

Code of Conduct as follow has been issued as per the desire of the Nepali people in order to transform the ceasefire between the Government of Nepal and the CPN (Maoists) into a permanent peace and resolve the problem peacefully through negotiations.

Ensuring a fearless civic life

1. Not to make any public statement or do any other activities which may provoke each other.
2. Both the parties shall not mobilize, demonstrate or use their armed forces in a manner that may spread fear amongst the people -in-general.
3. Not to attack or commit disruptive acts in each other's military or security units, not to carry out actions like laying down land mines or setting up ambushes, not to recruit new people in their respective armies and not to spy.
4. Extend mutual cooperation from both parties in order to maintain peace and order.
5. Regarding the issue of management of arms and armies, the discussion and understanding will be continued on the basis of mutual consent.

Creating an environment of trust among the people

6. Both the parties will not participate in public meetings, conference or any other political activities in combat dresses or in possession of arms.
7. Not to make any hindrance and give any mental and physical pressure from either side to the workers of political parties and members of social organizations or individuals to disseminate their opinion, to conduct meetings and assemblies, to conduct the act of extending organizations through movement around any part of the country.

On basic services to the people, the development and construction

8. No programs like general strike and transport strike shall be organized during the period of ceasefire. However, peaceful assemblies and processions may be organized.
9. To allow the essential services and facilities to the people to be operated without any restriction.
10. Not to create any hindrance in peacefully carrying out the regular development works and other works for the interest of the people.
11. No restriction imposed nor hindrance created transport food, medicines, development and construction materials and goods for daily consumption.

Operation of educational institutions, Hospitals and industrial enterprises

12. To create an environment for the smooth operation of schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, health centers and industrial enterprises from both the sides.

Support from media for the peace talks

13. To circulate information in favor of ceasefire, code of conduct, and while conducting to peace process and political dissemination use cultured and dignified language.
14. No one shall express one's statement through media in a manner of having adverse impact to the negotiations and the peace process.

Not to collect donation and financial support forcefully

15. Not to collect or mobilize donation or financial support, in cash or in kinds or services against one's will.

Release and rehabilitation

16. To withdraw the accusation, prosecution and cases induced against various individuals by both the parties and release the detainees gradually.
17. To disclose, as soon as possible, the whereabouts of the citizens who have been disappeared thereof.
18. To assist to the displaced persons to return to their respective houses and on the act of peaceful, comfortable and dignifiedly rehabilitation thereof.
19. To return the properties that are seized, locked up or prohibited to use during the conflict, of the leaders and the workers of political parties and public -in- general, to the concerned persons or families and to allow them to consume. To resolve the problems through the mutual agreement, this may arise while returning the properties.

Facilitating in the Negotiations

20. No hurdle or of any obstruction shall be created in the movement and activities of individuals of both the parties involving in the negotiations.

Monitoring

21. Monitor of ceasefire by national and international monitoring teams shall be caused to be done on the basis of mutual agreement between both the parties.

Miscellaneous

22. If any dispute arises in the interpretation of this code of conduct, the problem shall be resolved through the agreement of both the parties.
23. Alternation or amendments in the code of conduct may be made through the agreement of both the parties in accordance with the spirit of the preamble.
24. This code of conduct shall commence immediate after its signature.
25. This code of conduct shall be made in public after its signature.

On behalf of the CPN (Maoist)

On behalf of the Govt. of Nepal

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Signature: Sd.

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