

Dr. Bhattarai's inner penchant for Nepal PM post irritates Prachanda lobby

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Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai's "inner penchant" to lead a national consensus government has not been taken well by leaders close to Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal of the Unified Maoists' Party.

This does mean that two distinct but opposing lobbies have come into existence in the party of the former rebels.

The Maoists' party vice chairman Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai had told the Kantipur Daily in a somewhat "determined" manner that he was ready to lead the next government, July 25, 2010.

"If there is possibility of national consensus, I am ready to become the prime minister", Bhattarai had stressed while talking to the daily newspaper.

"At a time when chairman Dahal is one of the prime ministerial candidates, Bhattarai's remark is ill-timed", said Hari Bol Gajurel, one of the politburo members of the former rebel party talking to Kantipur dated July 26, 2010.

Mr. Hari Bol Gajurel is presumed to represent Chairman Dahal's lobby.

"His remark is not in line with the Communist ideology. He has exhibited himself that he too has excessive lust for power and post", opined Mr. Haribol possibly reacting to Dr. Bhattarai's allegation that Nepal's political leadership have exhibited its excessive lust for power and post and that this was one of the major problems the country is undergoing through.

"Bhattarai had himself forwarded Prachanda's candidacy...what would have Prachanda felt when Bhattarai himself was making such irrelevant and contradictory remarks", Gajurel questioned.

"Such views are not in the benefit of anyone as such more so for the party's political health", he added. Similarly, Unified Maoists' Party chief-whip Mr. Dina Nath Sharma commented that remarks made by Dr. Bhattarai were his personal one and thus will make no impact as such.

In the meantime, reports have it that Dr. Bhattarai upon throwing the bombshell while talking to the Kantipur Daily on Saturday, suddenly left for Kakani, where he will stay until Monday evening.

“Dr. Bhattarai needs solitude as and when he feels that he has to study”, said one of Dr. Bhattarai’s political aides.

Not a good news for the fans of the Maoists.

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