

Country/entity	Nepal
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement between the GoN and Madhesh Mukti Tigers
Date	20 Mar 2009
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

Inspired by the Maoist insurgency in Peru in the early 1990s, the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) – CPN(M) – declared war on the Nepalese government in February 1996. A key demand was the transformation of Nepal from a monarchy into a ‘People’s Republic’. Following a pronounced Maoist military strategy, the CPN(M) focused their insurgency on the rural areas. They gained significantly in strength and it took heavy international military support to stabilize the Nepalese government in 2002. After public protests escalated in Kathmandu in 2004, the Nepalese King Gyanendra took authoritarian control over the government. In the cities, a strong popular movement for democracy emerged, forcing the government into fast progressing peace negotiations in 2006 that concluded with the signing of a Comprehensive Peace Accord on 21 November 2006.

Close

Nepalese Insurgency (1996 - 2006)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Nepal related-local processes
Parties	On behalf of Madhesh Mukti Tigers Sd. Bhola Prasad Mukhiya Coordinator On behalf of GoN Talks Team Sd. Janardhan Sharma ‘Prabhakar’ Coordinator
Third parties	-
Description	An agreement in which the Madhesh Mukti Tigers agree to suspend violent activities and enter into talks with the Government of Nepal

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Groups**Children/youth** No specific mention.**Disabled persons** No specific mention.**Elderly/age** No specific mention.**Migrant workers** No specific mention.**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.**Religious groups** No specific mention.**Indigenous people** No specific mention.**Other groups** No specific mention.**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.**Social class** No specific mention.

Gender**Women, girls and
gender** No specific mention.**Men and boys** No specific mention.**LGBTI** No specific mention.**Family** No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On March 20, 2009, dialogue was held in a cordial atmosphere between the Talks Team of the Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Talks Team of the Madhesh Mukti Tigers [Madhesh Liberation Tigers] in Kathmandu. For the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and the federal democratic republic, the process of drafting a new people-centric constitution is taking pace. With the belief that it is possible to grant rights to all classes, castes, regions, genders and communities through the new constitution, remaining committed to aiding the tasks of constitution drafting process and peace process to reach its logical conclusion in order to ensure the identity and rights to all; embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

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Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
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Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On March 20, 2009, dialogue was held in a cordial atmosphere between the Talks Team of the Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Talks Team of the Madhesh Mukti Tigers [Madhesh Liberation Tigers] in Kathmandu. For the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and the federal democratic republic, the process of drafting a new people-centric constitution is taking pace. With the belief that it is possible to grant rights to all classes, castes, regions, genders and communities through the new constitution, remaining committed to aiding the tasks of constitution drafting process and peace process to reach its logical conclusion in order to ensure the identity and rights to all; embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, Untitled Preamble: On March 20, 2009, dialogue was held in a cordial atmosphere between the Talks Team of the Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Talks Team of the Madhesh Mukti Tigers [Madhesh Liberation Tigers] in Kathmandu. For the institutional development and strengthening of Nepal's progressive transformation and the federal democratic republic, the process of drafting a new people-centric constitution is taking pace. With the belief that it is possible to grant rights to all classes, castes, regions, genders and communities through the new constitution, remaining committed to aiding the tasks of constitution drafting process and peace process to reach its logical conclusion in order to ensure the identity and rights to all; embracing the principles of sovereignty, integrity, national interest and national unity, an agreement was reached on the following points.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** Page 1, 1L The GoN shall be responsible for the security of the members of the Talks Team during the period of dialogue.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, 2: The Madhesh Mukti Tigers shall cease its violent and aggressive activities and shall not engage in any unlawful activities. The GoN shall treat the group leaders and activists as political actors.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces** Page 1, 2: The Madhesh Mukti Tigers shall cease its violent and aggressive activities and shall not engage in any unlawful activities. The GoN shall treat the group leaders and activists as political actors.

Page 1, 4: The Madhesh Mukti Tigers shall furnish its list of additional demands at the next round of talk and the date of talk shall be fixed with mutual agreement.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Page 1, 3: The Madhesh Mukti Tigers shall make available a list of persons imprisoned in the course of agitation to the GoN, and the GoN shall gradually release them after investigations.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Asian Study Center for Peace & Conflict Transformation (2011), From Conflict to Peace in Nepal: Peace Agreements 2005-2010.
