

UML, CPN-MC to intensify power sharing talks

Chairman KP Sharma Oli and CPN-Maoist Centre Chair Pushpa Kamal Dahal will hold discussion on sharing power after the National Assembly election results are announced on Thursday.

“As the date for the formation of the new government nears, the two chairmen are under intense pressure to make a power sharing deal,” a left alliance leader told *THT*. Oli and Dahal have to decide on president, vice-president, prime minister, speaker, deputy speaker, NA chairperson and vice-chairperson, and the chairperson the unified party.

According to the constitution, speaker and deputy speaker of the federal parliament should be from different parties and gender, while chairperson and vice-chairperson of the NA should be from different gender.

UML leader Bishnu Rimal said the two parties would expedite power-sharing talks next week. The EC said it would submit results to the president within a week of the final result of the NA election.

The government has decided to form 15 ministries though the constitution allows 25 ministries, including the office of the prime minister.

CPN-Maoist Centre Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal’s Personal Secretary Jokha Bahadur Mahara said the two parties were likely to share the posts of the prime minister and the speaker.

A task force formed by the left alliance to suggest the common minimum programme of the new government has stepped up its efforts to finish the assigned task.

It will make an operational action plan prioritising policy and programme on the basis of the left alliance election manifesto.

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