

Nepal urged to make official position document on border blockade

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KATHMANDU: Voices have been raised that Nepal should prepare its official position document on the current Indian blockade for a quick response from the international communities.

Such views were expressed during a talk programme themed “The Aftermath of the Promulgation of Nepal’s New Constitution: An International Perspective” organised by Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Thailand held in Bangkok yesterday.

Speaking at the function, Surya Subedi, Professor of International Law at University of Leeds of UK, emphasised that India’s interference into Nepal’s internal affairs with the financial blockade was against the international rule of law and it was unacceptable.

In this critical situation, the Government of Nepal has to come up with an official position without any delay; however it has not been able to do so, he added.

Unless Nepal shares its well-defined problem to international communities, they cannot assist resolve it; that is why the crisis is prolonging, Subedi concluded.

Another speaker, Hennig Glasier, Adjunct Professor of comparative constitutional law at Thammasat University, said Nepal’s Constitution was a compromise of different political ideologies from conservatives to ultra leftists. So all can feel their share in it, but none of the groups can find their all demands addressed in the new Constitution, according to a statement issued by the NRNA-Thailand.

Prof Glasier also termed the new Constitution of Nepal as inclusive, flexible and proportionally representative document, which is also better than many successful constitutions in the world providing enduring structure for politics.

Addressing the talk programme, Nepal’s Ambassador to Thailand Khaganath Adhikari said Nepal is trying its best to settle the problem at the official level whereas many dialogues between Government of Nepal and Government of India have been held.

NRNA-Thailand President Khagendra Dhakal asked why the adoption of a new Constitution following the democratic process was giving a headache to India.

He said people of Nepal can understand the disappointments and demands by Madhesis/Tharus, which can be solved by constructive dialogues with the government of Nepal.

But the blockade imposed by India is not making any sense in any context, he claimed.