

11-point demands of the United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF)

1. There should be delineation of autonomous provinces, including two autonomous provinces in Terai/Madhes region from Mechi to Mahakali, based on historical background and identity in accordance with the Interim Constitution-2007 article 138, 1 (a), past agreements with marginalized communities including Madhesi, Indigenous and Janjatis and reports prepared by the Committee on State Restructuring and Distribution of Powers formed through the first Constituent Assembly in 2008 and High Level State Commission on State Restructuring. The autonomous provinces with high power have to be guaranteed.
2. Under fundamental rights chapter, ensure a separate article with a clear provision of proportionate inclusion for the marginalized communities.
3. Guarantee proportionate inclusion in all the state organs, levels, agencies and service commissions in all state organs at all level, including federal and provincial structures as well as service commissions.
4. Determination of population-based constituencies for the election of House of Representatives and mixed electoral system as provisioned in the interim constitution. Formation of National Assembly through single transferable electoral system from the votes of elected representatives of Provincial Assembly on the basis of population and compulsory representation from each province.
5. For the marital citizenship, there should be a clear provision in the constitution itself, not in federal law, and their representation in the constitutional bodies has to be either through nomination or as per the provision of the interim constitution.
6. Restructuring of judiciary in accordance with fundamentals norms of the federal state, and appointments in the Supreme Court, High Court and Local Court in accordance with proportionate inclusion. Appointments of judges in the high courts and local courts on the basis of provincial laws.
7. Execution of multilingual policies in all federal, provincial and local bodies.
8. Formation of Inclusion Commission with representatives from all the communities and all other commissions with their clear jurisdictions. Also, ensure the provision of representation from each province in the natural resources and financial commissions.
9. Formation of local bodies and special structures as per the provincial laws.
10. Democratization of the Nepal Army, giving it a national shape, and guarantee of proportionate inclusion in all security agencies including Nepal Army.
11. Nepal should be defined as a multi-national state and not as a monolithic national state.