

# Manmohan wants Ramesh to continue as minister

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Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has turned down Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh's offer to step down because of the latter's remarks on Chinese imports, and asked him not to speak out against other ministries.

Yes, the minister (Ramesh) had clarified his position to the PM (prime minister). He had also offered to quit. But the offer has been turned down for the moment, a senior official in Prime Minister's Office said.

Truce was apparently reached after Ramesh called on Home Minister P. Chidambaram at his North Block office Wednesday and sought to clarify that his statements in Beijing last week were needlessly blown out of proportion.

Attending a global meet on climate change in Beijing, Ramesh had said that the Indian security establishment's policies toward Chinese companies were 'alarmist' -- a comment that prompted Chidambaram to write a stern note to the prime minister.

Ramesh had also said that there was danger that cooperation with Beijing flowing from the Copenhagen spirit would end if New Delhi adopted a needlessly restrictive, alarmist approach towards Chinese investment in India's infrastructure.

The home ministry had expressed reservations about allowing the import and installation of equipment from Chinese telecom giant Huawei and other companies on the grounds that they could pose a security challenge in the highly sensitive telecom sector.

At the same time, the home ministry had also said its policies were company-specific and not country-specific.

The prime minister, after going through Chidambaram's letter on the matter, telephoned Ramesh and made it clear that a member of his ministerial council cannot comment on the functioning of other ministries, that too on foreign soil, officials said.



Indian Environment and Forest Minister Jairam Ramesh (C) comes out from Prime Minister house after a Cabinet meeting in New Delhi yesterday. Ramesh, in the eye of a storm over his remarks on China, has offered to quit, Govt sources said. Ramesh has, instead, been told by the Congress high command to stop speaking out of turn, and to "stay within party limits." In China last week, Ramesh said Chinese companies looking to enter India were being met with "alarmist" and "paranoid" policies of the Home Ministry.

## Afghan raids kill 40 Taliban

AFP, Kunduz

Up to 40 Taliban-linked militants have been killed in separate raids by Afghan and Nato troops in northern and central Afghanistan, officials said yesterday.

In the biggest single raid in weeks, Nato's International Security Assistance Force said two dozen insurgents were killed in northern Kunduz province overnight.

"An Afghan-international security force killed more than two dozen insurgents and captured several others while pursuing a senior Taliban commander in Kunduz last night," it said in a statement.

The rebels were killed in clashes which erupted after the troops came under fire from a mosque and nearby woods, the military said.

An operation to disrupt the militants' movement in the province was continuing, it added.

Mohammad Razaq Youqoubi, Kunduz provincial police chief, told AFP that 26 Taliban were killed during the operation by Afghan and coalition forces.

He said six militants were captured and four suicide vests, which the Taliban often use in their attacks, were destroyed.

## Gadkari regrets 'dog' remark towards Lalu, Yadav

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BJP president Nitin Gadkari yesterday expressed regret for his remarks likening Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Mulayam Singh Yadav and Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Lalu Prasad to 'dogs who lick the feet of the Congress and its president Sonia (Gandhi)', but the outraged parties were unimpressed.

"I regret the comment made yesterday (Wednesday) and take back my words. I have a lot of respect for Mulayam Singh Yadav and Lalu Prasad," Gadkari said at a press conference at the Chandigarh Press Club. "The comment created a wrong impression."

"The essence of my comment was different. I did not want to hurt anyone," the Bharatiya Janata Party chief added.

Gadkari Wednesday night accused Mulayam Singh and Lalu Prasad of betraying the opposition on the recent cut motions in parliament.

"These leaders were roaring like lions but

later bowed like dogs to lick the feet of Sonia and the Congress," he told a rally.

An outraged Lalu Prasad said in Patna Thursday that he refused to accept Gadkari's retraction. He said firmly that he doesn't believe in apologies and would teach the opposition leader a lesson in decency.

"Gadkari needlessly used shameful words. Called us dogs who lick feet. Previous BJP chiefs, including LK Advani, would have never used such shameful words even as they severely criticised us. We are taking it seriously," an unforgiving Lalu Prasad told reporters.

"We don't believe in apologies and words being taken back. We will teach him a lesson in decency. We too have phrases but we won't use them," Lalu Prasad said.

In New Delhi, the SP said it would file a case of caste discrimination against Gadkari.

"His remarks reflect caste discrimination. We will take legal opinion and file a case against him," said SP spokesperson Mohan Singh.



## Nepal to miss constitution deadline; crisis feared

REUTERS, Kathmandu

Nepal will miss a deadline to prepare a new constitution, officials said on Wednesday, raising fears of fresh political tension in a country yet to fully emerge from years of a civil war that killed thousands.

Instability in Nepal could have regional implications. It is strategically located between China and India and has abundant potential to generate hydroelectric power and supply water for millions of people, including in India.

A specially elected constituent assembly has until May 28 to complete the draft of the nascent Himalayan republic's first constitution, two years after it got rid of the monarchy.

But assembly chairman Subas Nembang said the panel, dominated by the Maoist former rebels, still had a long list of chores and could

take at least four months to complete the task.

"There are difficulties to meet the May 28 deadline. We don't have enough time to follow the procedures and rules," Nembang told Reuters.

Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal seeks to extend the deadline, saying "a situation has arisen under which the constitution cannot be made in time", his office said.

And the leader's immediate concern is to ease a political standoff with the Maoists, who demand his resignation to make way for them to head a unity government, a year after they quit.

But the support of the Maoists, who control 40 percent of the seats in parliament, is a must for any change in the schedule.

The Maoists have said an extension of the deadline will be "meaningless" until the prime minister resigns.



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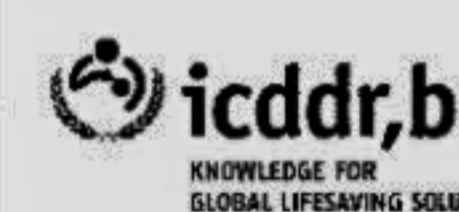
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