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Top leaders of the left alliance today said formation of the new government and unification between CPN-UML and CPN-MC would go on simultaneously.

Addressing the launch of a book ‘Nepal Nava Nirman Mahaabhiyan’ written by UML Vice-chair Bam Dev Gautam, top left alliance leaders said there was no problem in unifying the two parties.

UML Chair KP Sharma Oli said the two parties would use the time before formation of the government to prepare for unity. “We will decide on unification after knowing when a new government will be formed.” He said forces were trying to derail unification, but the process would move ahead unhindered. “The UML and CPN-MC can form the central government and also six provincial governments. We can also form governments in 40 per cent of local levels and lead the process of attaining the goals of prosperity,” Oli added.

CPN-MC Chair Pushpa Kamal Dahal said there was no going back on the unification process as the fresh mandate had approved the left alliance. “Acid test has begun for the left alliance to achieve the goals of prosperity and stability pledged during polls,” he added.

He said Gautam’s book had not mentioned the significance of the 12-point agreement. “Significance of the 12-point agreement cannot be undermined. Gautam failed to adequately mention the agreement and has thus undermined the significance of the agreement,” Dahal added.

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Oli said the Nepali Congress and some agencies were trying to delay formation of the new government. “A democratic party offered to make a leader prime minister for five years just to stop someone from becoming the prime minister, Oli said in an oblique reference to Deuba’s offer to make Dahal the prime minister for five years if he forged alliance with the NC.

Oli said the left alliance government would have balanced relations with all countries and it would not adopt any policy that could render the country a satellite or dependent.

Gautam said his book stated in a nutshell that Nepal needed to adopt the policy of achieving dynamic growth and not gradual growth to achieve the goals of economic prosperity.

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