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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	Speakers Urges for Outlet	<p>Following the delay in the budget session and the constitution writing process, Speaker Subash Nembang met with top leaders of big parties and urged for finding outlet to the current political deadlock. Though Prime Minister Nepal and Speaker Subas Nembang have intensified high-level talks on the budget, it is not yielding concrete results. On Monday, Nembang held budget session talks with Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal, CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal and acting President of Nepali Congress Sushil Koirala. The delay in calling the budget session will hamper pre-budget discussions in the parliament. After a meeting with Nembang, Dahal said talks focused on the peace process and the budget session. “We are ready to move ahead with consensus, but the ruling parties were dishonest and they betrayed us,” Dahal said. Nembang said all the parties are positive on calling the budget session. As per parliamentary rules, the presence of the main opposition is a must while the policies and programmes of the government are being presented and when the budget is passed. Last year, the Maoists had obstructed the budget session for a long period with the budget being passed only after four months of the scheduled date.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Budget Call at Maoists Mercy, page 1</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: Hold Meet, End Deadlock: Nembang, page 1</p>

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					Gorkhapatra: Speaker's Positive Initiative , page 1 The Himalayan Times: Nembang Calls on Top Guns for Early Budget Session , page 1
2.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	Resignation Because of the UML	Despite repeated requests from CA Chair Subash Nembang, Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal has not been able to call budget session. According to a close ally he has finally made up his mind for resignation. According to the sources the lack of support from the party's founding faction has led to make up the mind.
3.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	2	PM's Early Resignation Unlikely	With the political parties' inability to forge consensus for new government, the chances of the early resignation of Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal appear slim. "If the UCPN-Maoist remained adamant that party chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal should be the next prime minister and if it did not agree to fix a calendar of operations to complete the peace and constitution-writing processes at the earliest, the PM would remain in office for at least one more month," said Nepali Congress and CPN-UML sources. PM Nepal has initiated homework to present policy and programme and annual budget by June 29 at the Legislature-Parliament. The government is planning to call the budget session of the parliament by June 24. "The government must make a push for the budgetary programme at the earliest because if it failed to present budget by July 16, the nation will plunge into a crisis. With the government's compulsion to push the budgetary programme at the earliest, the PM's resignation for the month of Ahsad (till

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					July 16) has been almost averted," said Prime Minister's press adviser Bishnu Rijal. PM Nepal, according to Rijal, has already begun consultations with economists, bureaucrats and others.
4.	Republica	English Daily	1	Government Leadership Dispute Looms	Intense dispute will mark the Maoist politburo meeting beginning Tuesday, with leaders close to party Vice-chairman Dr Baburam Bhattarai out to demand that the party either be open about another Maoist leader heading a national consensus government, or change the party general line. The current general line of the Maoist party is to frame a 'progressive' constitution through the fronts of parliament, the street and the government. "There are many competent leaders in the party to head the government. So we should be open about another leader becoming prime minister if that paves the way for a national consensus government. Otherwise, we should immediately change the current party line," said Maoist politburo member Devendra Poudel. The last meeting of top party officials decided that Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal alone could be the party's next prime ministerial candidate.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	Fundamentals of the Nepali Democracy	Aditya Adhikari writes: The Maoists may have thought that they were victorious when, first, the other parties accepted their demand for a Constituent Assembly and, later, when they won the most number of seats in elections to the body. The other parties have realized by now, and the Maoists are in the process of doing so, that these were in fact major losses. Having given the CA such immense political weight, having imbued it with the impossible tasks of

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					<p>transforming the entire nature of Nepali state and society, they are stuck with it. What the creation of the body has done is make it impossible for the Maoists to go out and seek a mandate from the people through elections. The CA, with such great tasks expected from it, cannot be dissolved; fresh elections cannot be called until it completes its task. With no such outcome foreseeable in the near future, the CA is thus a victory for the other parliamentary parties: it enables them to avoid elections - the most inconvenient and painful aspect of Nepali democracy. Without having to seek the people's mandate for the foreseeable future, the governing parties have been able to give up even the fiction that the state exists to serve the people. This, it appears, is the most enduring legacy of Nepali loktantra.</p>
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