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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">The Work Plan of UNMIN Would not Allow the Timely Statute</a>	<p>Alleged involvement of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) in preparing a plan for integration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants has triggered controversy over the mandate of the UN's political mission, which is tasked with advancing the peace process.</p> <p>The government has taken strong exception to UNMIN's involvement in preparing the plan and is lodging an objection, most likely on Sunday, saying such activities are outside UNMIN's mandate. On Friday, caretaker Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal publicly accused UNMIN of violating its mandate in preparing a 60-week plan of action for the integration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants living in UN-monitored cantonments. UNMIN leaked the plan to some media, coinciding with a Maoist move to unveil a similar plan. "Now some actors, to whom it is of no concern, have proposed a 60-week proposal [on integration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants]. This is clearly a violation of their jurisdiction. This is totally wrong," the prime minister told. The prime minister was of the view that any proposal that intends to complete management of the combatants in 15 months (60 weeks) cannot be acceptable as the Constituent Assembly (CA) term is expiring in less than 11 months.</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">PM Raps UNMIN for PLA MGMT. Plan</a>, pages 1&amp;3                      The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">UNMIN's Integration Schedule Rattles PM</a>, page 3</p>

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2.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	<a href="#">NC CA Members Exert Pressure for Consensus Government</a>	<p>The Rising Nepal: <a href="#">PM Warns Against External Meddling</a>, page 1</p> <p>In the meeting with its Parliamentary Party Leader Ram Chandra Poudel, the NC lawmakers led by Ramesh Rijal demanded that the NC put utmost efforts to form a national consensus government to ensure successful conclusion of peace process and promulgation of new constitution on time. In his response Poudel said the chances of formation of a national consensus government are slim. During a meeting in Singha Durbar, Poudel said: “The Maoists are not ready to accept our leadership. And, we also do not have a situation to believe in the Maoists to be a part of the Maoist-led consensus government.”</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">Poudel Sees Chances for Consensus Slim</a>, page 2</p> <p>Annapurna Post: CA Members Suggest Poudel, page 3</p>
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Poudel Throws Hat in Ring</a>	<p>Nepali Congress (NC) Parliamentary Party leader Ram Chandra Poudel on Friday went the whole hog. He said the chance of a national consensus government happening was slim and that it was his turn to lead a majority government. Poudel’s remark comes just three days before the extended July 12 deadline set by President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav to form a national consensus government. In a meeting with youth Constituent Assembly (CA) members of the NC, Poudel said that a national consensus government was impossible because of the Maoists’ reluctance to implement past pacts. “His intent was not in line with forming a national consensus government but aimed at supporting him in forming a majority government led by him,” said a CA member,</p>

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					<p>who attended the meeting. Over two dozen youth CA members of NC met Poudel at the NC Parliamentary Party Office in Singha Durbar to urge him to form a national consensus government and not to engage in a majority government formation process. A group of NC lawmakers led by Ramesh Rijal is pressing the party leadership to form a government comprising major political parties, reasoning that a majority government cannot complete the peace process.</p>
4.	Republica	English Daily	2	<p><a href="#">Small Parties Seek Share</a></p>	<p>Various small parties on Friday urged the big three -- UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress, CPN-UML -- to ensure participation of all 25 parties in the CA to forge consensus. A meeting of the small parties held at Singha Durbar concluded that consensus of small parties including the fourth largest political force in the country is a must to accomplish the tasks of constitution drafting and peace process.</p> <p>Annapurna Post: Major Parties are Obstacle:22 Parties, page 1 The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">Fringe Parties Prod Big Three for All-Party Government</a>, page 4</p>
5.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	4	<p>Give Us the Leadership Opportunity: Madhesi Parties</p>	<p>Leaders of Madhesi parties have said that if the big three fail to reach consensus opportunity for leading the new government should be given to the Madhesi parties. At an interaction program organized by the Reporters' Club they said that as the major parties have failed to pay due attention to the peace process and constitution writing, the Madhesi parties should be given chance for the same.</p>

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6.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Two Alternatives of the Maoists for Army Integration	<p>The Unified CPN-Maoist is preparing a draft of the proposal to resolve contentious issues that have cropped up since the Comprehensive Peace Agreement was inked to present it in the three-party meeting scheduled for Sunday. According to standing committee member Dev Gurung, the proposal includes the security policy to be adopted by the government, structure of the national army and its strength, plan to democratise the army and professionalization of the PLA. He added that the national army should be formed by resizing both the armies in a proportional way after determining the size of the Nepali Army as defined in the interim constitution. The party has already made it clear that the party was for unit-wise army integration or establishing a separate force. Gurung claimed that the party would also propose key elements of the policies and programme for the next government.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">Maoists Ready With Pills for Nation's Ills</a>, page 1</p>
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
7.	Republica	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Give NA Its Due</a>	<p>Dipak Gurung writes (Retired General):</p> <p>Presently, we are beginning to hear that police posts are being attacked in eastern Nepal and in the Tarai. The government must learn the lesson from the conflict years, and never allow territory to go out of its control. Today there is the Armed Police Force,</p>

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					and it can be used to reinforce and make stronger government presence where it has been weakened. That is what the people deserve. They must not be abandoned again and left at the mercy of insurgents. The lessons learnt, with the participation of the NA, must be utilized to protect the nation in future. Otherwise, all the sacrifices of the past would have been made in vain.
8.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	<a href="#">Given Them Justice</a>	<p>Pranav Bhattarai writes:</p> <p>The political parties should hasten by endorsing the Bill to provide justice to the families of the dead and the disappeared before the conclusion of the peace process. Experience has shown that there will never be lasting peace and social harmony without healing past wounds. Political parties will have to understand that their failure to provide "restorative justice" to the victims of the conflict through formation of the Commission on Disappearances will have serious repercussion on the democratic transition and peace-building efforts in a post-conflict situation. Therefore, the urgency to constitute the Commission on Disappearances should not be underestimated and delayed because it will simultaneously jeopardize peace-building efforts, social harmony and democratic transition in a country like Nepal that has just emerged out of a decade-long armed insurgency. Providing justice and healing the wounds of the families of the disappeared persons are some of the commitments made in the CPA, and we can't just forget them. It is the past that recurs and bedevils the present if past wounds are not properly healed,</p>

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