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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Maoists' Plan for PLA Integration	<p>At a time when the two major parties — Nepali Congress and CPN UML — have been accusing the Unified CPN-Maoist of not implementing the first point of the three-point agreement, the UCPN-M on Saturday unveiled its official stance on several contentious issues to end the ongoing deadlock. Since UML leaders were not present at the three-party meeting this afternoon, the Maoists unveiled their proposal at a press conference at its parliamentary party office. According to the proposal, PLA cantonments will be brought under the direct control of the Special Committee. Categorization of combatants will be done for integration into security agencies, rehabilitation, for those wanting to join politics, and for the differently-able in the next two months after interacting with combatants at the cantonments, says the proposal. “Within the next one month, the combatants will be managed at two different places and standard norms for integration will be developed.”</p> <p>The Maoists believe that establishing a separate force would be the best, easy and appropriate model. “The tasks of the peace process and constitution writing should be taken simultaneously. Constitution drafting should develop in such a way that the new constitution can be declared after integration and rehabilitation of combatants,” the proposal states.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Maoist Prescription to Get Things Back on Track, page 1</p>

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					<p>UCPN-M's consensus pill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate end to common YCL shelters• Separate force most appropriate option• High level committee on seized properties• Statute by mid-April• One month to resolve <p>contentious issues related to constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State-restructuring <p>commission should not</p> <p>challenge constitutional committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace process should be completed before statute is drafted• Two months for determining number of combatants to be integrated• One more month to manage combatants in camps <p>Gorkhapatra: Maoists Make Public Their Bases for Consensus.</p>
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2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Anti-Pact: NC, UML	<p>Nepali Congress and CPN-UML say the UCPN (Maoist) action plan is against past pacts and, therefore, “insufficient” to forge a national consensus government. “The Maoist proposal cannot implement the first point of the May 28 agreement as it has distorted past pacts including the Comprehensive Peace Agreement,” said NC Vice President Ram Chandra Poudel. He also criticized the 60-week timeline floated by UNMIN on integration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants. NC leader Krishna Sitaula said the Maoists have backtracked from previous agreements. “They should first fix the number of combatants to be integrated and accept established norms and standards of the securities agencies,” said Sitaula. He said constitution drafting and integration cannot go hand in hand. CPN-UML Chief whip Bhim Acharya said, “The Maoists’ action plan is not positive, but we are ready to discuss it.” (PR)</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Proposal Lacks Bases: Sitaula, page 1</p>
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	State Re-Do Panel Hangs	<p>Three major parties—UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress and CPN-UML— have agreed to allocate two months for the state restructuring commission to make its recommendation on the modality of federal system to be enshrined in the new</p>

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					constitution. The three parties agreed to set Sept. 31 as the deadline for the commission to submit its report to the government. A three-party meeting scheduled for Sunday will finalize the leadership and the number of members to be represented in the commission, said UML lawmaker Agni Kharel.
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	NEFIN Unveils Stir Programme	With a view to pressing political parties and Constituent Assembly members to forge consensus and address its concerns, Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) has announced a month long protest programme on the occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People. Issuing a statement on Saturday, NEFIN said the plan was decided by a conference of its District Coordination Council (DCC) currently underway in Sauraha, Chitwan. It has prepared a 20-point manifesto incorporating various demands on inclusion of the indigenous nationalities in different strata of the state.
5.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	5	Presidential Rule is the Only Alternative	President of NWPP Narayan Man Bijukchhe has said that if the parties fail to reach consensus, presidential rule would be the only alternative to give outlet to the present political deadlock. At a program in Bhaktapur he said that the political weather is unfavorable for both consensus and majority governments.
6.	Republica	English Daily	1	Big 3 Meet Put Off	A meeting of the big three parties -- Unified CPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN UML -- scheduled for Saturday afternoon was put off after UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal expressed inability to attend the meeting. UML Chief Whip Bhim Acharya said Chairman Khanal failed to attend the meeting as he remained busy in funeral procession of slain UML leader Chhabi Karki who was killed in Okhaldunga Thursday night.

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7.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	Government to Seek Clarification from the UNMIN	The government is preparing to seek clarification from the UNMIN for coming up with proposal on integration and rehabilitation of the Maoists combatants going beyond its mandate. The UNMIN had put forth a 60-week proposal on integration and rehabilitation of Maoist combatants.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
8.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Consequences of Failing to Drafting the Constitution	Ganesh Dutta Bhatta writes about the consequences of failing to write the constitution: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A blow to the people's faith that the constitution would be written within two years 2. Extension of the transition period leading to threat to the existence 3. Increase threat of foreign meddling as in Afghanistan 4. Diminishing of the atmosphere for the implementation of the constitution 5. Longer political instability
9.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	Forum is not Close to the Maoists (Interview)	Co-Chair of MPRF Jay Prakash Prasad Gupta says: The consensus governments is needed for taking the peace process to a logical end and to accomplish the task of writing the new constitution for Nepal.
10.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	Maoists Proposal for PLA Adjustment (Editorial)	Going by contents of their proposals it can be said that these will not satisfy demands of the Nepali Congress and UML as Maoists have not brought any substantively new and convincing ideas for adjustment and integration of the ex-PLA combatants. Maoists

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					have reemphasized the need to consult with the individual combatants to ascertain their willingness, interests and demand before presetting and fixing number for integration. They have put forth a proposal for setting up new regiment for adjustment and incorporation of the Maoist combatants in case there is objection to integrate them in the Nepal army. Though nothing new the proposal contains, it can provide a basis for further negotiations to resolve the issues and take the peace process forward to a logical conclusion.
11.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	Elusive Consensus	Ritu Raj Subedi writes: Under the mounting pressure from different quarters, the Maoists have unveiled their new timetable for the integration and rehabilitation of their combatants. This has offered a glimmer of hope for the early solution to the ongoing crisis. The integration of the Maoist combatants is the central component of the peace process. The timely promulgation of the new statute largely depends on how the parties settle this thorny issue of the pace process. For this, there is a need of mounting all-out pressure on the Maoists to transform them into a civilian party. The quicker the Maoists turn into a credible democratic force, the faster the processes of peace and statute writing will move.
12.	Republic	English Daily	6	UNMIN's Integration Plan	United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) has done it again: The UN body has sparked unnecessary controversy regarding its mandate, something it could have safely avoided. At the time UNMIN commenced its work in January 2007, it would have been sheer naivety not to have foreseen it attracting some controversy in the days ahead, considering the extremely

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					<p>sensitive nature of the work it had undertaken. But the regularity with which it has invited controversy about its mandate bespeaks its callousness more than anything else. The government must lodge a complaint, as it is planning to do on Sunday, and seek a proper explanation from UNMIN, while at the same time reminding it that the responsibility for integration and rehabilitation lies solely with the Special Committee set up for that purpose. Meanwhile, we hope that as long as UNMIN is Nepal, it will keep to the agreed scope of its work and stop interpreting its mandate as it wishes.</p>
13.	Republic	English Daily	7	Peace Monitoring Body Needed	<p>Punya Prasad Neupane writes:</p> <p>The peace process is not going smoothly because there is no vibrant, competent and independent monitoring mechanism—an important aspect that the major political parties overlooked when signing the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA). Everybody's contribution in building and sustaining peace is highly valued. But its up to the political parties to play a decisive role. Therefore, they must work hard and with utmost honesty and sincerity to bring peace in the country by giving up their petty party interests. Therefore, it is extremely important that an independent monitoring body is established at the earliest and take a positive step forward in fulfilling peoples' aspirations.</p>