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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	3	Focus on Constitution Writing	Speaker Subash Nembang has urged the three major parties to resume the task of constitution writing from 17 July. At a meeting including big three parties held on Monday, he urged the parties to finalize the CA calendar and resume the task. Though the draft the calendar has already been prepared it is yet to be finalized by the parties.
2.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Parties Fail to Form Consensus Government: President Calls to Elect Prime Minister	President Dr Ram Baran Yadav on Monday called parliament to invoke the constitutional provision — voting in parliament — to pick new prime minister on majority basis in the wake of parties' failure to lay aside their differences to form a consensus government. The extended deadline of five days set by the President to form consensus government expired on Monday. "Since the political parties failed to select consensus prime minister, the President has sent a letter to parliament to select prime minister on majority basis as per Article 38 (2) of the interim constitution," the President's press advisor Rajendra Dahal told The Himalayan Times. The President in his letter has expressed hope that the political parties would be able to pick new prime minister as soon as possible. After Madhav Kumar Nepal resigned as PM on June 30, the President the following day had set a seven-day deadline asking the political parties to suggest a candidate for the post of prime minister. However, parties gave the July 7 deadline a miss and the President gave five more days to find a consensus candidate. Shortly after receiving a formal call from the President to work for new prime

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					<p>minister on majority basis, Speaker Subas Chandra Nembang took an initiative for the same. “I have called a meeting of the working management committee of parliament at 3pm tomorrow,” said Nembang, adding, “But still, I will try my best to select prime minister through political consensus.”</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Prez Calls House to Elect PM, page 1 The Kathmandu Post: Majority Government’s Turn Now , page 1 Republica: Form Majority Government:Prez, page 1 The Rising Nepal: President Writes Letter to CA for Majority Government, page 1 This new is published by majority of the newspapers</p>
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Three Party Efforts Bite the Dust	<p>The two-week long efforts made by political parties to form a national consensus government proved futile due to serious dispute on the numbers, modality and norms and standards of integration of Maoist Combatants. Top leaders of big three parties on Monday formally said they failed to meet the deadline given by the president to form the government.</p>
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Delay Unfortunate, Says PM	<p>Outgoing Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal on Monday said it was unfortunate that the political parties failed to forge consensus on the formation of a new government. Addressing the parliament session 13 days after his resignation, Nepal urged the major parties to stand together to form a new government at the earliest.</p>
5.	Republica	English Daily	2	Government Objects to UN Mission in Writing Over Integration Plan	<p>The government has officially objected to UNMIN’s preparing of integration and rehabilitation plan for Maoist combatants saying such work does not fall under the jurisdiction of the UN political mission. Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction on the</p>

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					<p>instruction of Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal sent an objection letter to UNMIN on Monday. “You are also aware that this matter [preparing the integration and rehabilitation plan] solely falls under the jurisdiction of the Special Committee,” read the letter addressed to UNMIN Chief Karin Landgren. The UN political mission’s involvement in the preparation of the plan came to public notice after some section of media reported last Friday about a 60-week plan prepared by UNMIN. But UNMIN has already made it clear that the plan is only a reference document to help political parties in their discussion of the issue.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: UNMIN Integration Plan Comes Under Government Fire, page 3</p>
6.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	Interference, says Sushil	<p>Nepali Congress (NC) Acting President Sushil Koirala Monday accused the United Nations Missions in Nepal (UNMIN) of interfering in the country’s peace process. Inaugurating the session of Banke chapter of Press Union in Nepalgunj, Koirala said the term of the UNMIN should not be extended regardless of the formation of the new government under any party’s leadership, as it would help the Maoists. He claimed that the Maoists are trying to affect the upcoming elections by retaining their combatants in the camps.</p>
7.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	17	Demand for Recognizing Third Gender Marriage	<p>CA Member Sunil Babu Pant has demanded that the nation should give legal recognition to the marriages between third gender. At a program on “Sexuality, minority rights and new constitution organized in Kaski he demanded that the third gender should also get equal rights as other citizens of Nepal.</p>

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8.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	Need for Kochila Province	<p>Gagan Puri writes:</p> <p>There is a need for wider debates regarding which province should include Jhapa, Morang and Sunsari. The people from the communities other than Koch are also inhabitants of the Kochila province. Thus, arrangements should be made for their proportional and participatory inclusion in the province. This will ultimately lead to ethnic harmony.</p>
9.	Republica	English Daily	7	New PM Likely from NC or UML (Interview)	<p>CPN-UML Leader KP Oli in response to question on “ If there is no possibility of forming a national consensus government, is there any chance to form a new majority government from the existing ruling coalition?” says:</p> <p>“If not this coalition, who do you think will form the government? Radicals can’t head the government. Armed groups can’t be acceptable. Our condition is that we can consider incorporating an armed group in the government only after the force can convince us that it is ready to transform, will lend help in writing the constitution and concluding the peace process. The concerned ones should understand this language very clearly.”</p> <p>Regarding another question “who should lead the new government: NC or CPN-UML?” he says:</p> <p>“I don’t want to enter into that matter. My concern is to address the national agenda. It was clear that we were going to face this situation. Those who have been blinded by their selfish motives and had been consistently demanding the prime minister’s</p>

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