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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Race For PM Proves a Non-Starter</a>	<p>Parliament huffed and puffed for five hours, to no avail. There was no mention of a new Prime Minister. CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal withdrew his candidacy and UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Nepali Congress Parliamentary Party Leader Ram Chandra Poudel failed to secure the simple majority of 300 votes in Wednesday's polling. Poudel and Dahal will vie for the pie on Friday at 1 p.m. Khanal, who said he had got the support of 391 lawmakers before the poll, withdrew at the last hour when he failed to get the 401-vote condition set by his party. When UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Dahal's claim was put up for decision, of the 592 members in the session, 242 voted for him, 114 voted against and 236 stayed neutral. In Poudel's case, of the 587 members, 124 supported him, 235 voted against and 228 went neutral. The winning candidate must secure 300 votes from among the 599 parliament members.</p> <p>Kantipur: <a href="#">Prime Minister's Election Enters Second Round</a>, page 1&amp;8</p> <p>Annapurna Post: Majority Lacks to Become the Prime Minister,</p>

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2.	Republica	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Second Round Also Unlikely to Yield Result</a>	<p>The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of parliament has decided to hold another round of voting on Friday to pick a new prime minister. But chances are that the second round election will also fail to give the country a new prime minister. The possibility of electing a new prime minister appears slim even in the next round of voting as the CPN-UML is very unlikely to vote in favor of a NC-led majority government, and the efforts of the Maoists, who have 237 seats in parliament. Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and NC Vice President Ram Chandra</p>

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3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">UML Will Not Back Anyone</a>	<p>The CPN-UML which withdrew its candidacy in the first round citing the failure to garner 401 members, has said that it would not back anybody for the majority government until the national consensus is reached. It has said that it would not support either the UCPN-M or the NC in Friday's election.</p> <p>Annapurna Post: Won't Vote Until National Consensus Reached, page 4</p>
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1&4	<a href="#">Face-Off Between Maoists and Congress in Offing</a>	<p>Wednesday's prime ministerial election failed to elect any one of the three touted candidates and CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal pulled out. The final battle line is drawn between UCPN (Maoist) and Nepali Congress (NC). Now the UML, which commands 109 lawmakers, may decide who will win the next race. If UML opts not to abstain from the next election, it will weaken the bargaining power of the otherwise crucial Madhes-based parties which command 83 lawmakers. However, as a divided house there is no certainty as to what course UML will</p>

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					take. While Khanal and his supporters are miffed at their party's "non-cooperation" and unlikely to support anyone in the second polling, the KP Oli and Madhav Kumar Nepal factions could tilt the balance in favour of the NC. At Wednesday's election, Khanal had a task cut out for him. He faced either garnering a two-thirds majority (401 votes) or pull out. He pulled out even after getting "391 votes", a claim Khanal made on Wednesday after Nepal plugged his candidacy. Though there are only two runners left in the battle ground, the Post sees a number of scenarios possible.
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	<a href="#">Madhesi Parties Stand Firm</a>	<p>With no consensus, Madhes-based parties finally decided to be neutral in the prime ministerial election on Wednesday. United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF), an alliance of four Madhesi parties — Madhesi Janadhikar Forum (MJF); Madhesi Janadhikar Forum-Loktantrik (MJF-L); Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party (TMLP); and Mahato-led Sadhbhawana Party — has reiterated its support will go to the party that commits to address Madhes issues and complete the peace process and constitution-drafting on time. "We will support the party that assures and convinces us of implementing all agreements made earlier with the parties," said Rajendra Mahato, Chairman of Sadbhavana Party.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">Madhesi, Fringe Parties Stay Neutral</a>, page 1</p>
6.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	CA Member Sharda Attempts Suicide	CA member of the CPN (ML) Sharada Nepali, attempted suicide here on Wednesday. She had taken a certain dose of phenyl, the police said. Nepali, a resident of Thakurdwara-5 in Bardiya,

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					attempted suicide at her rented residence at New Baneshwar. She was immediately rushed to the nearby Civil Service Hospital from where she was referred to TU Teaching Hospital. <i>[This news is covered major dailies]</i>
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
7.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Rights in Federalism	Sanjeev Raj Regmi writes:  The form of government also plays an important role in the distribution of power in federalism. Political parties in Nepal have different perspectives about distribution of power. However, they do have common perceptions about some internationally agreed principles like national security, foreign relations, monetary system, central bank, customs, international trade, revenue etc. Therefore it would be appropriate to distribute power by creating a list among the federal units on the basis of the political concepts, international practice, reasons and situations leading to federalism.
8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	Why Can't The Parties Reach Consensus?	Lalit Kumar Yadav writes:  Parties can reach consensus. They stood together against the monarchy. They have reached consensus among disagreements in the CA many times. But the question is "Why aren't they being able to reach consensus for peace and constitution writing?"
9.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	The Significance of the CA is Over	Suresh Acharya writes:  Does the significance of the CA which does nothing but elect the

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					prime minister exist? The people must start debate on this vital question. It is almost certain that this CA would not be able to provide a new constitution. Not only the Maoists but the NC and UML also do not want to write the constitution that does not favor them. Then, how will the constitution be written? How long should we continue to feed the 601 white elephants? How long do we have to see such a dirty game for power?
10.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	The Path That Was Hidden From the Eye of Interim Constitution	Rudra Sharma writes:  The decision to extend the CA tenure was not taken for awarding the incapability of the CA but it is an interim opportunity given to the CA bearing in mind the national need and current political crisis. Thus, the CA must utilize the opportunity for accomplishing the task of writing a new constitution. This will lead to legality of the CA from existing question about legitimacy.
11.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	<a href="#">Key of Balance in the Hands of Madhesi Front</a>	Chandra Kishore Jha writes:  The current political situation has provided the key of balance to the united democratic Madhesi front. It's a challenge before the front to build a new equation for progressive change.
12.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	<a href="#">Three Measures For Solution</a> (Editorial)	There are three measures to end the current deadlock. First, UML may change its decision of two-third majority for forming the government. Second, reaching consensus for including the major three parties in the government. If the Maoists become flexible on the army integration issue, it may allow UCPN-M to lead the new government. Third is the amendment of the law. If the

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13.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Taking Us For a Ride</a>	<p>Deepak Thapa writes:</p> <p>We all know that political parties do not mean what they say. Otherwise, we would be in the gravest dilemma about who to vote for since the manifestoes of all the parties look the same. But it says a lot about what they think of the people that none of our presumptive prime ministers has had the decency even to claim that the interest of the people is uppermost in their minds as they court this party or that leader. In their single-minded quest for power they seem to have forgotten even this most basic political principle.</p>
14.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	<a href="#">The Game Theory</a>	<p>Saroj Dhakal writes:</p> <p>The strategy of defaulting is a common thing in politics. This is how coalitions are established or broken. Not cooperating with the Maoists during their government was the dominant strategy which got the Congress a date with the blonde (they had a firm grip on Madhav Nepal's government). Similarly, the Maoists did not cooperate with Nepal's government because they had not had enough with the blonde to switch to the brunette. Hence, such an impasse has become a regular feature and one keeps wondering who will get the blonde this time. Yes, once again one party may go home with the blonde—meaning they will hold the prime ministership, however, the relationship won't be stable. This is due to the fact that the rest of the parties who didn't get the blonde would rather focus their energy on destroying the man's</p>

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15.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	<a href="#">Realizing Deliberative Democracy</a>	<p>Ganga Thapa writes:</p> <p>Change is difficult especially when it involves altering long-standing habits. Federalism is instrumental for development and a reliable recipe for public welfare. Obviously, multiculturalism in its liberal version promotes a recognition policy involving freedom of choice and autonomy in what is called a civic nationalism clearly exhibiting territorial autonomy with right to internal self-determination if one believes in power distribution to encourage more future-oriented deliberative democracy, public deliberations and decisions in which political conception of justice is appropriately conceptualized. Our transitional politics also reveal the integration of rebels into army recognizing the basic rights of citizens and shared government could also help empower and support new institutions of accountability. Lijphart argues that majoritarian political institutions are not always suited to plural societies with divisive ethnic issues and permanent exclusion of minority groups and in such a case ‘consociationalism’, i.e. consensually serving as the pillar of civic inclusion, may also be looked into.</p>
16.	Republica	English Daily	7	<a href="#">Demonization of NA and Our National Security</a>	<p>Trailokya Raj Aryal writes:</p> <p>The right and “democratic” thing for our Seymour Hershes in making to do would be to investigate and bring out the incidents of human rights violations by individual NA soldiers but refrain from demonizing the whole institution with the intention of weakening it and making us vulnerable to many internal and</p>

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					<p>external risks. Now that the civil war is over and we are in the peace process, like many Nepalis, I am of the belief that all those who violated human rights and tortured, killed or disappeared people during the insurgency period should be brought to book. We should move forward in a positive direction by strengthening our defense capabilities to guarantee domestic peace, territorial integrity and excellent relations with our neighboring countries.</p>
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