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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	President Calls for Ending Impasse	<p>President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav has expressed serious concern over the protracted political standoff exacerbated by new fissures among the political parties, which has apparently prolonged the prime ministerial election. The president conveyed his worries to Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal during a regular briefing on Saturday. The president also cautioned the prime minister against possible risks if the Parliament fails to elect a prime minister. He expressed concern over the possible emergence of lawlessness, political instability and public woes due to the caretaker nature of the current government.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Prez Frets Over Poll Impasse, page 1</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Prez, PM Mull Ways to End Deadlock, page1</p> <p>Annapurna Post: May Loose Credibility: President, page 3</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: Prez, PM Discuss Contemporary Issues, page 1</p>
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Ready to Become the Prime Minister	<p>At a time when Party President Prachanda is making every effort for becoming the Prime Minister, Vice-President Dr. Baburam Bhattarai has said that he was ready to lead the consensual government. He said that the majority government would not take the peace process to a logical end and accomplish the task of</p>

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					<p>writing the constitution. He said the party should support the national consensus. He said, “I am not longing for any post. However, I am ready to become the prime minister if a national consensus government is formed”. He added that the government including UCPN-M, NC and CPN-UML would be able to accomplish the task of the constitution writing and peace process.</p>
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	<p>Unwitting UML Ties Itself Into Knots: Maoists, NC no to Rule of Amendment</p>	<p>The UCPN (Maoist) and Nepali Congress are in fresh fix over electing a new prime minister. The Maoists and NC, trying hard to cajole the CPN-UML into their fold, have rejected the proposal of their “only lifeline” to once again make an entry into the prime ministerial race. UML, which keeled over after it failed to meet its own condition of guaranteeing a two-thirds majority, had floated a proposal to the two contesting parties to amend the parliamentary rules that bar new entries in the by-elections. Promptly, both NC and the Maoists rejected the UML proposal. Maoist Spokesman Dinanath Sharma and NC Chief Whip Laxman Ghimire told the Post on Saturday that their parties would not agree to the UML proposal. This means that UML will have to stay neutral and that NC Vice President Ram Chandra Poudel and Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal will continue to fight a seemingly endless battle. Amending Parliamentary Rules of Procedures-2008, says Khanal, is the only option. Having fought two futile elections, Dahal and Poudel, according to Khanal, should withdraw their candidacies to pave “a new way for national consensus”. The House is scheduled to conduct the third phase of poll on Aug. 2.</p>

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4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	Oli Proposing, Khanal Disposing	<p>If the big guns in the CPN-UML Parliamentary Party are to be believed, chances of Nepali Congress (NC) getting UML votes in the third round of the prime ministerial race are zero. They say NC is hoping against hope that the faction led by KP Oli and Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal — which has command over the UML Central Committee — will force the party to support NC. As the 83 votes from the Madhes-based parties won't suffice, UML is the lifeline for NC to win the election. Given the scenario, Oli and Nepal have started legwork to make the party change its decision not to vote for anyone for a majority government. They are pressing Khanal to call a CC meeting to take a decision to that effect.</p> <p>Annapurna Post: UML in Disputes, pages 1 Rajdhani: Disputes in UML Reaches Height, page 1</p>
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	NC Mulling Front's Terms	<p>The Nepali Congress (NC) on Saturday began discussions on the United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF) concept paper that was publicized on Friday. The paper outlines the Front's conditions to support any of the parties contesting in the third round prime ministerial polls in the House, for a majority government. In an NC Central Working Committee meeting, NC Parliamentary Party leader and prime ministerial candidate Ram Chandra Poudel tabled the UDMF's concept paper. After the meeting, NC Spokesperson Arjun Narsingh KC said the concept paper was positive but some issues call for serious discussion. The concept paper demands the implementation of the 22-point and 8-point pacts signed during the Madhes agitation.</p>

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6.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	Dahal, Khanal Chant Left Unity Mantra	<p>Chairmen of the two largest left parties Unified CPN Maoist and CPN UML today called for unity of all left parties to build a new Nepal.</p> <p>Launching the Nepali version of Karl Marx's 'Das Capital' in Kathmandu on Saturday. Maoist chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' said a New Nepal was possible if all communist parties could unite. He, however, said the rightist deviation among left parties would not allow unity. "I'm hopeful that the three volumes of 'Punji' will inspire the parties to realize the truth and fight against the deviation," he said. Prachanda claimed that the support left parties had lent to UML Chairman Jhalanath Khanal was not just tactics, but a bold step to defeat rightist forces.</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: Prachanda, Khanal for Let Unity, page 1</p>
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	Suffer the People	<p>Shyam Prasad Mainali writes:</p> <p>It is crucial for the government to provide equity, justice and peace besides adopting social inclusion policies with positive discrimination for the marginalized. For this purpose, a new constitution addressing this phenomenon has become very essential. Likewise, private-public partnership and autonomy to the private sector is a must so that it plays a crucial role for economic betterment, creation of employment and establishment</p>

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					<p>of corporate norms and standards. Similarly, civil society, which is considered to be an active player for good governance, needs to work vehemently for freedom by mobilizing the people for their interest through advocacy and interaction. If these three important actors work collaboratively, it is likely that the pace of good governance will gain momentum. For the betterment of the world, each individual country needs to be highly committed and sincere. The bureaucracy needs to be efficient, transparent and accountable. Civil society, on the other hand, needs to be aware and conscious so that the dream of good governance can be achieved everywhere. Highlighting our context, promulgation of the people's new constitution and maintenance of law and order without any compromise should receive the utmost priority. Without meeting these realities, the concept of good governance cannot move ahead. In this regard, strong commitment of the state and others concerned is very much essential.</p>
8.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	Mull and Mend (Editorial)	<p>What the Congress fails to see is the fact that it will be equally, if not more difficult, to find a solution to the peace process issues if the Maoists are kept out of power. For then, the Maoists would have that much less incentive to cooperate with other parties. The Maoists too need to undergo some introspection about their actions that have alienated other parties - particularly those during their time in government. If the Maoists manage to once again gain entry into government, they have to realise that they need to adopt a more flexible and conciliatory approach to others. Previously, the Maoists unilaterally pushed through many decisions and created many enemies. This time around, the Maoists would do well to demonstrate more political maturity</p>

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					and, understanding that this is a time of transition, focus more on completing the peace and constitution drafting processes, rather than attempting any radical shake-up of the political system or to expand their own power at the cost of their rivals. This would go a long way towards the goal of lasting stability.
9.	Republica	English Daily	6	Act Responsibly (Editorial)	With the tenure of the caretaker government lengthening, it is bound to have impact on all aspects of governance. Moreover, important decisions will remain pending. The question of budget looms large again. In this backdrop, we urge the parties to act responsibly. We suggest focusing on the constitution and concluding the peace process. Dahal must come forth with a tangible plan to implement the six-point pact reached with NC and UML. The NC must relent and join the government under Dahal's leadership and so should the UML and the Madhesi parties. Then these parties must discuss the power-sharing and size of the cabinet with other parties and complete the tasks that lie ahead: Integration/rehabilitation of the Maoist combatants, return of the property seized by the Maoists and writing of the constitution within the extended deadline.
10.	Republica	English Daily	6	Bhattarai For PM? Not Yet!	Dr. Ramesh Khattry writes: While the debate for a child monarch raged during PM Koirala's last tenure, some politicians remarked: "Whether a child or an adult, a serpent will always bite at the opportune time!" We should apply this to the Maoists in general and Bhattarai in particular. "Whether Dahal or Ram Bahadur Thapa or Bhattarai, the unconverted Maoist will always push for a totalitarian rule!" Do I still want Bhattarai for PM? Not until he shows genuine

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					conversion toward democracy.
11.	Annapurna Sabha	Vernacular Weekly	1-8	Who is the Leader?	<p>This week's issue focuses on delay in the formation of the New Prime Minister. It includes different features, interviews and opinions on the bi-lateral and multi-lateral consultations being held among parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New government could not be formed • CA Calendar formed but activities could not be moved ahead • Election of the Prime Minister in the Parliament • Constitution writing in the shadow • Rules of election • CA Calendar could not enhance the CA members' enthusiasm • NC and UML in the same government, says Mahendra Yadav • Danger of amendment by Hari Rokka, says UCPN-M • I am hopeful, says Allauddin Ansari, RPP • Government and constitution linked says Prativa Rana/RPP • Tasks of consensus remaining says Tilak Pariyar • Let the constitution not become a mere document, says Siddhartha Kumar Somani/UCPN-M • CA calendar comes amidst environment of mistrust says Keshav Prasad Mainali, Chure-Bhawar Party • Formation of CA calendar does not ensure writing of the constitution says Brijesh Kumar Gupta-TMLP • Let us materialize the CA calendar by Ekraj Pathak • Remaining tasks of the CA • Failed in the CA but passed in the SLC- Interview of the

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