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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Maoists and NC Making Efforts for Majority: Front Looks for Written Commitment	<p>The United Democratic Madhesi Front today asked Unified CPN-Maoist and the Nepali Congress to state their formal and authentic views on UDMF-proposed basic document before it backs either of the parties in the third round of prime ministerial elections set for August 2. Madhesi Janaadhikar Forum Chairman Upendra Yadav said, “Our support will go to one of the two parties, which can satisfactorily address our concerns,” Yadav added. The UCPN-M and the NC told the front that they would come up with their written commitment within a few days. “The front wants an authentic and concrete view on its main concern: autonomous Madhes province with right to self determination in the new constitution,” Yadav said. He added that the fronts’ other concerns include bulk entry of the people of Madhesi origin in the Nepali Army. UDMF leaders held separate meetings with UCPN-M and NC at the parliamentary party office of the Tarai Madhes Democratic Party in Singha Durbar.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: UDMF Seeks Commitment from UCPN-M, NC, page 1 The Kathmandu Post: Written Pledge Evokes Our Support:UDMF, page 1 Republica: Maoists, NC Serenade, Madhesi Parties, pages 1&3 Nagarik: Madhes Autonomous Province is Unacceptable to UCPN-M , page 1 Nagarik: Madhesi Front Asks for Written Commitment from NC,</p>

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					page 3 The Rising Nepal: UCPN-M, NC Hold Separate Talks With Madhesi Front, pages 1&6
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1&2	Tensions Increase in UML	Dispute has arisen in the CPN-UML on whether or not to remain neutral in the third round of voting for the prime minister. The Khanal faction is of the view that the decision to remain neutral should not be changed until the national consensus government is formed. However, the allies close to Oli say that UML should not be part in making the country a prisoner of indecisiveness.
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	NC Lobbies for UML Support	Nepali Congress leaders on Sunday urged caretaker Prime Minister and senior leader of CPN-UML, Madhav Kumar Nepal, to support NC for the formation of a new government. NC acting President Sushil Koirala, senior leader Sher Bahadur Deuba, Parliamentary Party leader and prime ministerial candidate Ram Chandra Poudel and Minendra Rijal met Prime Minister Nepal and requested him to urge the UML to vote for Poudel in the prime minister's election that is scheduled for August 2. The NC leaders reasoned that it is the UML's turn to back NC in the formation of a new government as NC supported the UML-led government until the last minute. There is little chance of a government led by NC if UML refuses to vote in the third round of the prime minister's election. There is dispute within the UML about supporting NC even though the Nepal-led faction has a soft corner for NC. Republica: UML to Stay Neutral in Voting for PM , page 3
4.	The Himalayan	English Daily	1	House Rule Amendment 'not	Parliamentary regulations cannot be amended when they are in effect, say constitutional experts. Senior leaders, including CPN-

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	Times			possible'	<p>UML chairman Jhala Nath Khanal and Unified CPN-Maoist vice-chairman Dr Baburam Bhattarai, have called for amending the parliamentary regulations after the parliament failed to elect prime minister even during the run-off poll held on Friday. The parliament has failed to pick the PM on July 21, necessitating the run-off poll. The round III poll will be held on August 2.</p> <p>“According to the regulations, the election process will continue until the House elects one of the contestants – Maoist Chairman Prachanda or NC Vice President Ramchandra Paudel – as PM by a majority vote of the parliament as per Article 38 (b) of the constitution,” Speaker Subas Chandra Nembang told THT. An informal meeting of chief whips of the major political parties – UCPN-Maoist, Nepali Congress and CPN-UML – had discussed the possibility of amending the regulations after Wednesday’s election failed to elect the PM.</p> <p>Kantipur: Amendment of House Rule Not Possible, Speaker, page 3</p>
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	SRC Snags on PM Pick Deadlock	<p>The formation of the much-anticipated High-Level State Restructuring Commission (SRC) has again hit a roadblock due to the delay in the formation of a new government. On July 14, a meeting of the three major political parties had agreed to form a 5- to 7-member SRC and to begin its work from July 31. However, it is most likely that the SRC will not start its work from the given date. While another round for election of the prime minister is slated for August 2, it is still doubtful that a new premier will be chosen then. UCPN (Maoist) standing committee member Dev Gurung said formation of the SRC and</p>

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					beginning work is “impossible” by July 31. “Only the new government has the authority to form this commission; the present caretaker prime minister does not have any political authority in this”, he said. The three parties had agreed that the government will appoint the members of the commission.
6.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	5	Federalism a No No: RJM Chief	Rastriya Jana Morcha Nepal Chief, Chitra Bahadur KC, urged Nepali migrants working across India to join his party’s fight against federalism saying ethno- federalism would invite all sorts of problems in multi-lingual, multi-cultural and multi-religious Nepal and could even turn the country into another Kosovo. Addressing a seminar on the issue of federalism at Ambedkar Bhawan here today by Sanghiyata Birodhi Samyukta Manch (SBSM), he said he was not theoretically opposed to federalism, but in a country like Nepal, which was home to 101 castes and communities and where the government had a hard time meeting even some basic expenditures, federalism would only worsen problems. KC said nations that had adopted federalism, did so either to amalgamate the free states or retain them in a federation and Nepal fit none of those categories. CPN-Marxist General Secretary Dipak Gyawali said his party favored carving Nepal vertically into four provinces — Koshi, Central, Gandaki and Karnali Province — so that all communities could live in harmony and share natural resources equally.
7.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	6	Dalit Rights in Federalism Stressed	Various persons working for the welfare of the Dalit community, the political leaders and political analysts Sunday stressed accepting stern procedures and configuration before addressing the issues of federalism so that the Dalit community could benefit. They made the above remarks at the workshop on “Dalit

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					movement and federalism” jointly organized by Dalit Welfare Association and DNF-Nepal. The participants stressed that federalism would be realized only when the constitution was drafted on time.
8.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1&3	Head of the State Above the Law?	The government is preparing to draft a law that would prohibit filing a case at the court against any activity of the president and the vice-president. Such provision is being brought under the act pertaining to the remunerations and perks of the president and the vice-president.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
9.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	4	Consensus for Peace and Constitution	Shanker Nath Kafle writes: Nobody should think that the peace process could be taken to a logical end and constitution be written without Maoists’ involvement. Therefore, environment should be created in such a way that Maoists prove their credibility. Further, the parties must work to form a national government under the leadership of the UCPN-M.
10.	Nayapatrika	Vernacular Daily	2	There are Problems in the UML (Interview)	CPN-UML President Jhalanath Khanal during an interview given to Sajha Sawal of the BBCWST said: “If anyone proves that I am in the minority at the central committee, I am ready to resign. I took the risk of making a person who was defeated at two places, the prime minister. “