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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1&3	UCPN-M Rejects One Madhes One Pradesh Proposal	<p>With two days left for the third round of the prime ministerial election, Madhes-based leaders said they are all set to stay neutral. Though the UCPN (Maoist) on Saturday despatched its commitment letter in writing over the 16-point concept paper, which was presented on July 12 by the Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM), Madhesi leaders claim that the paper was unable to address their major demands. “Our major demands haven’t been addressed by the Maoists,” said a Madhesi leader, adding that despite their desire to vote for the Maoists, the party’s commitment letter disappointed them. The Maoists have rejected the Madhesi’s demands of ‘One Madhes one autonomous state’, saying it is against the party’s policy. The letter further stated that though the Maoists are not ready to mention ‘Bahulbaad’ (pluralism) in the constitution, the party can agree to multi-party competition. The Maoists also refused to divulge the number of thier combatants to be integrated as demanded by SLMM. The SLMM that represents 82 seats in the 601-member Constituent Assembly will play a crucial role in breaking the deadlock in the prime ministerial race if it agrees to support the largest party — Maoists that has 238 seats.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Madhesi Front Nay to Dahal, page 1 Agreement Implementation of the 22-point and 8-point pacts Proportional reservation of Madhesi people in govt bodies</p>

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2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	UCPN-M Casts About for Success	UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal on Saturday said the Maoist party is open for discussion with other parties for an “honorable solution” if the prime ministerial election scheduled for Monday fails to yield any result. In a meeting with Speaker Subas Nembang, Dahal exuded confidence that the House would elect a majority government under his leadership.

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3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	<p>Khanal Says No to Change Decision: Oli Says Let’s Support the NC</p>	<p>CPN-UML leader KP Sharma Oli on Saturday came down heavily against party Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal for not convening Central Committee (CC) meeting. The CC, controlled by Oli and caretaker Prime Minister and UML leader Madhav Kumar Nepal, has been pressuring the party establishment to revert the earlier decision to stay neutral in prime ministerial election for a majority government. Earlier, CC had decided not to vote any candidate unless other parties agree to form a national consensus government. The Oli faction believes that the last meeting was postponed following the decision to field Khanal in the prime minister race conditionally. Khanal was forced to withdraw his candidacy even he just short of 10 votes in gaining the support of two-third majority (401). “The Central Committee meeting must begin. But the party leadership seems dilly-dallying,” Oli said at a programme in the Capital. Oli has not formally asked Khanal to call the meeting. According to the UML statute, the chairman shall call the CC meeting within 15 days once majority of members’ request. Despite pressure from Oli and Nepal, the party establishment is firm on its decision not to vote any candidate for a majority government.</p>

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4.	Republica	English Daily	1	Maoists Offering Rs 20m per Vote: Anil Kumar Jha	Lawmaker Anil Jha has alleged that the UCPN (Maoist) has been trying to tempt lawmakers with offers of up to Rs 20 million to vote in favor of Pushpa Kamal Dahal's prime ministerial candidacy in the run-off election. "Maoist colleagues themselves have said that they have been trying to garner votes by paying up to Rs 20 million each," Jha told Republica. He, however, did not name the Maoists in the campaign to offer such huge amounts to lawmakers. "Rumors are rife in the market about this."
5.	Republica	English Daily	2	Dahal Open to Other Ways for PM Choice	UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal has agreed to picking a new prime minister through an alternative way if no one is elected in the third round voting in the parliament on August 2. Maoist Chairman Dahal agreed to the proposal made by Speaker Subas Nembang during a meeting at Singha Durbar, Saturday morning, according to Nembang. Nembang urged Maoist Chairman Dahal to make the election scheduled for August 2 'result-oriented' and also asked him to be prepared for adopting alternative ways if no one is elected on that date. Talking to media persons, Maoist Chairman Dahal said his party is working to forge consensus with other parties to elect a new prime minister on August 2.
6.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	6	Constitution Writing in Chaos (Editorial)	The parties must be aware of the possible challenges that we may face in our failure to write the new constitution. These challenges could be resolved only if the constitution writing process moves ahead along with the formation of the government.

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7.	Kantipur	Vernacular	6	Give Outlet (Editorial)	The historical tasks of taking peace process to a logical end and writing the new constitution writing have been overshadowed by the power struggle. The need for the hour is the formation of the national consensus government for accomplishing these tasks rather than making the situation further complicated.
8.	Kantipur	Vernacular	7	Would Have Reached 401 Given Two More Hours (Interview)	CPN-UML Chair Jhala Nath Khanal says: “I would have proved two-third majority during the first round of election of the Prime Minister, had I got two more hours.”
9.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	No Time to Lose	Keshar Bahadur Bhandari writes: Till now, the Maoist combatants in the cantonments are assets for the party for political bargaining, but soon they will turn into a liability if not pragmatically managed. It is not a hidden fact either that the Maoist party has not been able to take any pragmatic decision on integration and rehabilitation due to pressure from the commanders and especially from the senior commanders of the Maoist army. The strategy of “wait and see” adopted by the other parties to weaken the Maoists will also be counterproductive. The peace process will not conclude without the integration, nor will the constitution be promulgated. The prolonged transitional period will create uncertainty that will favour manipulators and criminals and international actors wanting to intervene in the internal matters of Nepal. 3All said and done, it is now time to act and not wait for things to happen. We can complete the integration under our own initiative and wisdom and with the support of the international community. The recommendations made in those two articles are quite

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					exhaustive; and with more debate on them, we can come out with a pragmatic and workable plan of action. If we have the will and the commitment to keep national interest above all other interests, we can do it and we can make things happen.
10.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Give Outlet: Reach Consensus (Editorial)	The political parties must realize their prime responsibilities of taking the peace process to a logical end and drafting the new constitution. If they realize the need for consensus for accomplishing these tasks the election for the pm tomorrow would be an opportunity for them.
11.	Annapurna Sabha	Vernacular Weekly	1-8	Who is the Obstacle to the Consensus?	<p>This week's issue focuses on delay in reaching consensus. It includes different features, interviews and opinions about national consensus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacles and facilitators of the consensus by Raj Kumar Regmi including the views of different leaders. • The path that was forgotten by fifth amendment by Raj Kumar Regmi highlighting the need for special constitutional provision addressing the special situation • What would lead to the consensus? Vox-pop of different personalities including Lok Raj Baral, Madan Krishna Shrestha, Pradeep Poudel, Himal Sharma and Madhav Dhungel • Dispute about national consensus in the CPN-UML by Bal Kumar Nepal • Political disputes should be resolved politically says the Supreme Court about the Khanal's case by Yam Birahi.

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