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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	No possibility of Parliament Picking Prime Minister Today	The possibility of the parliament electing a new prime minister on 2 August remains low as the CPN-UML has decided to remain neutral during the voting while the United Democratic Madhesi Forum is yet to decide whether to support the Maoists or not.
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	CPN-UML's Whip to CA Members not to Vote for Any PM Candidates	CPN-UML has issued a whip to its lawmakers not to vote for any of the two prime ministerial candidates during 2 August election or any extended election if such process leads to formation of a government of simple majority.
3.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1	Nepali Congress and UCPN-Maoist Agree to Go for More Election in Parliament to Elect PM	Nepali Congress and CPN-Maoist have agreed to go for yet another round of vote in the parliament to elect prime minister as confusion remains over whether a new prime minister will be elected on 2 August
4.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	7	'Majority Government will not Write New Constitution'	Peace Minister Rakam Chemjong said that the majority government would not write new Constitution. He said after the establishment of Republic, the country has seen two majority government and both has failed to perform its duty.

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5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	Madhesi Front Undecided	United Democratic Madhesi Front remains undecided over who to support during the 2 August parliamentary voting to elect a prime minister.
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	2	United Democratic Madhes Front to skip demand for autonomous Madhes for now	United Democratic Madhesi Front has decided to skip its demand for autonomous Madhes state during talks with UCPN (Maoist) on 2 August saying that the issue will be resolved by the Constituent Assembly.
7.	Janadisha	Vernacular Daily	1	Who will be the PM?	-Prachanda's win is most likely -Poudel's losing is almost certain -CPN-UML will remain neutral -Madhes based party crucial, support to Prachanda most likely -Election at 4 pm today UCPN (Maoist) vice chairman Narayan Kaji Shrestha said that Maoists already 310 votes in bag.
8.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	2	Conspiracy to Impose Presidential Rule	UCPN (Maoist) leader Dev Gurung speaking in Kathmandu said the pro-parliament parties want to prolong the political impasse in their attempt to impose presidential rule in the country.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
9.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	6	Hope of the End Of Uncertainty (Editorial)	The parties that failed to form consensus government have not even been able to form a majority government. The parties that were given the responsibility to transform the country have been busy promoting their own self interests. This has not sent a good

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					message to the public. It is time that the parties give up their vested interests and forge consensus to write the new constitution and conclude the peace process on time.
10.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Democratic Alliance and Neutrality (Opinion)	CA member Hari Roka says the current national power equation is such that nobody can ignore anyone. Says the country's political future will face further uncertainty in the event of the parliament becoming unable to elect a new prime minister on 2 August
11.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	6	Country Can Become a Failed State if Confusion Persists (Opinion)	Mohan Bikram Singh says the present election of prime minister in the parliament is more than just election and is associated with the future of the country. What if consensus and majority based approaches for electing prime minister failed? The delay will only affect the constitution-writing process.
12.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	6	The Big Story of Power (Opinion)	Chief of CPN (United) Chandradev Joshi says there is no ground for other political parties and the people to believe that the UCPN (Maoist), which has never shown commitment to the peace process and constitution-writing process, will fulfill these two tasks even if the party is allowed to head the new government.
13.	Naya Patrika	Vernacular Daily	1	Give Country a PM (Opinion)	Editor of Naya Patrika Krishna Jwala Devkota writes that the executive position of the country has become a laughing stock and its election has become a dram. And this is the biggest failure of CA.
14.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	7	End it Now (Editorial)	The impasse over PM election is harming state interests. What is undeniable is that the prolonged impasse is doing great damage to the prospect of timely conclusion of the peace process and

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					writing of the Constitution within next 10 months.
15.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	7	'One Madhes, One Pradesh' Negotiable (Interview)	Jay Prakash Prasad Gupta, Co-chair of Madhesi Janadhikar Forum said that there might not be a decisive voting on Aug.2. That could happen for two reasons. The Maoists may not properly address our issues. Secondly, the voices for consensus government- from within UML, the Madhesi parties or the Maoists- may demand some time. The thinking could be that a better result might be arrived at after a length of time.