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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Third Round Also Goes in Vain	<p>The third round of the prime ministerial election ended inconclusively on Sunday despite some lawmakers from the Madhesi Janadhikar Forum (MJF) crossing the floor and voting for UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal. The fourth round of voting has been scheduled for 3 p.m. on Aug. 6. Dahal garnered 259 votes, while his opponent Nepali Congress' Ram Chandra Poudel got 124 votes in the polling. Of the 599 Members of Parliament, the winning candidate had to secure 300 votes to form a majority government. Dahal got 17 votes more than in the second round after 11 lawmakers of the Madhesi Janadhikar Forum (MJF) defied the party's decision to abstain from voting. MJF Chairman Upendra Yadav and Co-Chairman Jay Prakash Prasad Gupta did not vote for Dahal as per a decision made by the Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM). While Dahal was also voted by lawmakers of Nepal Majdoor Kisan Party, Nepal Pariwar Dal, Rastriya Janamukti Party and Nepa Rastriya Party, Poudel was backed by Rastriya Prajatantra Party and Rastriya Janashakti Party. The CPN-UML and other fringe parties voted for none of the candidates.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: New PM Plan a Hat-Trick Flop, pages 1&3</p> <p>Pushpa Kamal Dahal</p> <p>Attendance 581</p>

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2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	<p>SLMM Soft Towards Maoists</p> <p>Despite pressure from lawmakers to vote for the Maoists, the Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM) stayed neutral in Monday's prime ministerial election. With a slight tilt toward the Maoists, the Morcha lawmakers hinted at a greater possibility of supporting the Maoists in a fresh contest. During Monday's</p>

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3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	The Stalemate Continues	<p>Political parties still seem unclear about the ‘future course’ even as the third round of election in the parliament failed to elect a new prime minister on Monday. There are two viewpoints among and inside major political parties—first, continuation of the ongoing election process unless a candidate garners 300 votes which is required to form a majority government; second, adopting a new course by amending parliamentary regulations, which obviously means withdrawal of both candidates and initiating a fresh process, which may allow new candidates also. However, with the new found confidence in Monday’s polls, the</p>

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4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	3-Year Plan for NA Revamp	<p>A Cabinet committee led by Defence Minister Bidhya Bhandari has an action plan for the democratisation of Nepal Army within three years. In the report given to Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, the committee said rightsizing of the Nepal Army, organisational restructuring and review of its mandate could be done in three years. The five-member committee formed in December has the mandate to recommend the democratisation of the Army and reform the security sector. “We have a three-year time frame so that a stable government formed after the promulgation of the new constitution can take the matter to a conclusion,” said Defence Secretary Nabin Ghimire, ex-officio member of the committee. He added that the report has suggested the government form a task force to review the mandate of the Army and carry out threat analysis before taking a call on the issue. The 81-page report has identified eight areas — civilian supremacy and government control, restructuring, civil-military relationship, amending the existing legal provisions, transparency and accountability, promotion of human rights, inclusiveness and coordination between the defence ministry and the Nepal Army — for the democratization of the Army. It has suggested a review of the existing Army act and also of the</p>

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					<p>mandate of the National Security Council (NSC). The committee underlined the need for formulating a new Act to govern the NSC and urged that the body be given charge of coordinating all security agencies. Currently, the Security Council is only responsible for mobilization of the Nepal Army. Despite the Army's proposal to keep it directly under the executive, the committee has suggested the Army be kept under the parliament. The committee suggested international standards be considered for inclusiveness in the Army. It urged the government to undertake the restructuring of the defence ministry within six months. The ministry, where 29 officials are currently serving, is mulling incorporating military components for its restructuring.</p> <p>This news is published by all national dailies</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: NA Restructuring Report Submitted in Rush, page 1</p>
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
5.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Role of Women CA Members and Media	<p>Mamata Sharma Nepal writes:</p> <p>The equality between men and women plays a vital role in the making of a new constitution. If the new constitution also fails to eliminate the discriminations against women, our society will not move ahead. Thus, the media must play a positive role in giving proper visibility to the role played by women in constitution making process.</p>

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6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Indications of a Failed State	<p>Geja Sharma Wagle writes:</p> <p>According to the principles of political science, five indicators that will lead to determining a state to be a successful or a failed are political, economic, social, security situations and state of law. In Nepal these challenges are getting complicated every day. This leads to a question, “is Nepal becoming a failed state, is it becoming a platform for foreign meddling?”</p>
7.	Republica	English Daily	6	Third Time Unsuccessful (Editorial)	<p>In the absence of a full-fledged government, the country has not been able to have a regular budget. We cannot keep on running a government with partial budgets. Rising above petty party interests, the parties must come together to give a new government in the next round of voting. Failing to do so will not only seriously undermine the constantly eroding image of our parties and politicians in the eyes of the general public but may also further hit hard the chances of completing the peace process and writing a new constitution. The CPN-UML and UDMF must not stay neutral in the fourth round.</p>