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<b>News</b>					
1.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	2	<a href="#">Tharus Against One Madhes</a>	<p>Tharuhat Joint Struggle Committee on Friday warned that they would launch stern protests if the parties agreed on One Madhes province.</p> <p>“If the government fails to implement the six-point agreement reached with TJSC two years ago, we will be forced to launch struggle,” said Shailendra Chaudhary, a student leader affiliated to TJSC. He said TJSC was seriously concerned about the attempts to establish One Madhes province by forging alliance among big political parties. One Madhes province is one of the demands that the alliance of the Madhesi parties — United Democratic Madhesi Front — has put forth before the UCPN-M and Nepali Congress to support one of their candidates in the prime ministerial elections. Saying that TJSC was preparing for the movement, Constituent Assembly member Rukmini Chaudhary said indigenous Tharu communities would not stay mum if the parties agreed on One Madhes province.</p>
2.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Gas Cylinder Leakage Maims CA Member Yadav	<p>Ram Kumari Devi Yadav, a Constituent Assembly member of Unified CPN- Maoist, was severely burnt when the cylinder at her rented house in Tinkune caught fire on Friday. According to the police, Yadav (55) had gone to kitchen around 3 a.m. sensing gas leakage and switched on the light to locate the regulator of the LP gas cylinder, sparking fire. Maoist CA members and her kin rushed her to Kantipur Hospital from where she was referred to Bir Hospital. Dr Buland Thapa, Director of Bir Hospital, told mediapersons that she had suffered third-degree burns and was in</p>

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					critical condition. “She has suffered more than 75 per cent burns,” he said. Her condition was said to be stable till this evening. Though the government had called an air ambulance from New Delhi to airlift her for further treatment, it could not arrive in Kathmandu due to unfavorable weather condition. If all goes well she will be airlifted to Safdurjung Hospital in New Delhi on Saturday. <b>[This news is published by all national newspapers]</b>
3.	Republica	English Daily	3	<a href="#">No Press Freedom Sans Independent: CJ</a>	Chief Justice Ram Prasad Shrestha has cautioned all professional organizations to be more serious over the constitution drafting process, with a view to ensuring their respective rights under the statute. Speaking at a talk program organized jointly by the Supreme Court and the Constitutional and Judicial Journalists Forum, CJ Shrestha said, "There might be attempts to curtail judicial independence during the constitution drafting process. We should fight to ensure judicial independence under the new constitution." He reiterated that a free press is impossible in the absence of an independent judiciary. "If there is no independent judiciary, there is no free press. Journalists should understand the mutual relations between the judiciary and media so that both professions can work in a free and fair manner.
4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	6	<a href="#">CA Court Waiting for Dissolution</a>	The Constituent Assembly Court has become useless after all cases related to the CA elections held on April 10, 2008 were disposed. The court was established to look into complaints in relation to the historic CA polls, which formed a 601-member assembly to draft the new constitution. “Now, there is no case pending at the court,” said Bishwo Raj Paudel, officer of the court, adding that the court had decided 18 cases related to the

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					polls. The court had decided cases against some senior leaders, who were charged with adopting unfair means to win the elections. Among others, it had decided the cases of Ram Sharan Mahat vs Hit Man Tamang, Sarat Singh Bhandari vs Devendra Kumar Yadav and Sher Bahadur Deuba vs Khaga Raj Bhatta.
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	9	<a href="#">Muddling Through</a>	<p>Biswas Baral writes:</p> <p>The important question now is: what is a viable way out of the current stalemate? It is hard to argue that a national unity government is in the best interest of the country right now. But how long can the country wait for one? Latest international reports show that the country is on its way to becoming a failed state. The economy is largely dysfunctional. Bureaucracy is divorced from its political masters. As the impasse drags on, law and order and other vital security interests are also likely to be seriously affected. Worse, the country could be a playground for contending forces. As things stand, the only way the current stalemate can come to an end is for the parties that have so far opted to remain neutral to play a more active role. In principle, it is difficult to fault the stand of Madhesi front, the UML or the other smaller parties for a national unity government. But that position is untenable at a time when the country has been left</p>

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6.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	<a href="#">Politics of Unaccountability</a>	<p>Pranav Bhattarai writes:</p> <p>The political parties will have to explore options and reach consensus at the earliest possible because time is just galloping away. But who dares to listen to these things when the political parties are hell-bent on securing power as if it was the popular mandate of the CA elections? Now a clear rift can be seen even within the Maoist party despite its flimsy cover-up of unanimous party support for the candidacy of Prachanda as prime minister. A strong section within the Maoists seems to have emerged in lobbying for Baburam as the second strongest candidate next to Prachanda. If the Maoists propose Baburam Bhattarai as the new candidate, it could perhaps garner support for a unity government. And India could also give a nod for Baburam who is considered a liberal ideologue and much-trusted Maoist comrade by India.</p>