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<b>News</b>					
1.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	<a href="#">Lawyers Talks Turkey on Poll Fallout: Debate on CA Dissolution Versus a Majority Government</a>	Having observed the four prime ministerial elections fail and no solution in sight, some constitutional and legal experts have talked turkey—the Constituent Assembly (CA) should be dissolved if the House fails to form a consensus government. Former Chairman of Nepal Bar Association (NBA) Bishwa Kanta Mainali said on Saturday that the CA should be dissolved if the country fails to elect the national consensus government from the House. “The peace process will not reach its conclusion and the new constitution can’t be drafted within the stipulated time if we install a majority government again,” said the senior advocate. “Better than that, dissolution of the Constituent Assembly and a fresh poll can give a solution to the country.” Speaking at a programme organized by Reporters Club, Mainali said that the majority-led government won’t be able to address the political impasse. He said the constitution prepared under the leadership of a majority government would lead the country to ethnic and regional conflicts.
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">CA Member Succumbs to Burn Injuries</a>	UCPN (Maoist) lawmaker Ram Kumari Yadav, who was severely burnt in a fire triggered by leakage of cooking gas cylinder in her kitchen on Friday, succumbed to her injuries while undergoing treatment at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, on Saturday evening. On Saturday afternoon, Yadav was flown to India on an air ambulance with three doctors for treatment after medics at Bir Hospital referred her to the Indian hospital. “Yadav breathed her last at around 7:30 even as the doctors were

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					<p>preparing for surgery,” confirmed Yadav’s personal secretary Raj Dev Yadav. Yadav had been living in a rented room at Subidhanagar, Tinkune, where the accident occurred in the wee hours of Friday. The Director of Bir Hospital in Kathmandu, Dr. Bulanda Thapa, had said Yadav had more than 70 percent burn injuries. Yadav was elected to the Constituent Assembly from Dhanusha district’s constituency.</p> <p><b>[This news is published by all newspapers]</b></p>
3.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	<a href="#">UML, NC to Seek Basis for Unity</a>	<p>Two major political parties—Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML—have agreed to forge a basis for consensus government by holding consultations with the UCPN (Maoists) before the fifth round of prime ministerial election. The two parties have also agreed to make a common understanding among them for ensuring a consensus government. In an effort to form a national consensus government, UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal, General Secretary Ishwor Pokharel, senior leader KP Sharma Oli and some other leaders called on the NC Acting-president Sushil Koirala at his residence in Maharajgunj on Saturday evening. “We have agreed to sit for dialogue with the Maoists to finalise a basis for consensus before the fifth round of prime ministerial election,” said UML leader Ghanashyam Bhusal, who was present in the meeting. In the meeting, Khanal urged the NC to cancel the scheduled prime ministerial election and start a “new consensus course.” In response, the NC leadership rejected the proposal and said that there would be a political void if the parties withdraw their candidacy without a “concrete consensus.”</p> <p><b>[This news is published by major national dailies]</b></p>

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4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	<a href="#">Need for a New Common Candidate</a>	<p>UCPN (Maoist) Vice Chairman Baburam Bhattarai has said a common prime ministerial candidate should be fielded to end the present political deadlock. Both the candidates of new prime minister—Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Ram Chandra Poudel—should withdraw their candidacies to end the political imbroglio, he said speaking at a press meet on Saturday in Phinam, Gorkha. He was here as part of visiting his home district at least once in a month.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">Bhattarai for Common Candidate</a>, page 4</p>
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">Let India Support the Formation of Democratic Government</a>	<p>The main opposition party in India has urged the Indian government to play a role in keeping the Maoists out of power in Nepal. Claiming that they have been spreading anti-India sentiments among Nepalis, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said Nepal needs “a truly democratic government” at this juncture. Three leaders of the BJP, former president Rajnath Singh, Uttarakhand former chief minister Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and Delhi legislative assembly member Vijay Jolly, met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday to convey their party’s “grave concern” over the political stalemate in Nepal. “India played a frontline role in bringing the Maoists in Nepal to the peaceful mainstream,” Jolly said. “What have they done since then? The Maoist leaders have repeatedly made anti-India statements that have hurt us. BJP would not go to the extent of suggesting who should form the government in Nepal as that is the right of the Nepali people, but the behavior of the Maoists has made us feel alienated and we are gravely hurt.”</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">BJP for Non-Maoist Government Here</a>,</p>

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6.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	<a href="#">SLMM (UDMF) Forms Taskforce to Prepare Code</a>	Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM), an alliance of the four Madhes-based parties, formed a four-member taskforce on Saturday to prepare a code of conduct to govern the front. The front's meeting held at Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party (TMLP) parliamentary office on Saturday took the decision to this effect. The taskforce comprises one member from each of the four parties. It includes Co-Chair of Madhesi Janadhikar Forum Jaya Prakash Prasad Gupta, leader of Madhesi Janadhikar Forum Loktantrik Jitendra Dev, Vice President of Sadbhavana Party Laxman Lal Karna and Vice Chair of Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party Hridayes Tripathi. According to Karna, they had thought of forming the taskforce since Madhes-based parties formed the alliance-SLMM. The alliance came up with the idea after 11 MJF lawmakers crossed the floor and voted for the UCPN (Maoist) violating the party's directives during the third round of prime ministerial polls.
7.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	<a href="#">23 Parties Want Maoist Unity Government Plan</a>	joint meeting of 23 parties today asked the UCPN-M to come up with an official decision on formation of a national unity government. CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal briefed the fringe parties about his meeting with the UCPN-M leadership on Friday, saying the Maoists were positive about forming the unity government. After meeting the UML leadership, Narayankaji Shrestha, UCPN-M vice chairman had said his party would consider pulling out of the PM race if the Nepali Congress also reciprocated. The 23-party meeting also discussed ways to defer

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					<p>the fifth run-off on August 18. The leaders said that the August 18 vote could be postponed if all the parties, including the three major ones, agreed. RPP President Pashupati Shumsher JB Rana said UCPN-M has to come up with an official decision.</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: <a href="#">11 Parties Stress Consensus for Statute, Peace Building</a>, page 1</p>
8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">Maoist Strategy: Form Alliance with Royalists</a>	<p>Rastriya Prajatantra Party-Nepal parliamentary party leader Chandra Bahadur Gurung claimed on Saturday that his party had struck a secret deal with UCPN-Maoist to retain cultural king. Talking to media persons in Gorkha on Saturday, Gurung said RPP-N had reached a gentleman's agreement with the Maoists to keep a cultural king but it was yet to be inked. "Everything cannot be said now. When the time comes, all will come out", added Gurung. He said retaining the king's status would not only be a victory for RPP-N but of all Nepali people. Gurung informed that RPP-N would soon launch chariot journey across the nation to garner public support for Hindu state.</p>
9.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	<a href="#">The Parties Must Dig Reasons for Delay in Constitution Writing</a> (Interview)	<p>Chair of the Constitutional Committee Nilamber Acharya says:</p> <p>"We never reviewed the constitution writing process completed so far. Many problems would have been solved had we dug the reason for delay in the constitution writing. Either the leaders of big parties or the government must take the responsibility of drafting the new constitution. Since it was one person who was taking responsibility of both the government and the constitution writing, the process was obstructed as the leaders attention</p>

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					diverted to something else. If the parties need to pay greater attention to the government, they should have a structure of a group of experts preparing the draft and that draft could be discussed at the CA.”
10.	Annapurna Sabha	Vernacular Weekly	1-8	What to Learn?	<p>This week’s issue focuses on delay in writing the constitution. It includes different features, interviews and opinions about remaining tasks of different committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem of Legislature: Lessons for the Constituent Assembly by Raj Kumar Regmi including the remaining tasks to settle the contentious issues for writing the new constitution.</li> <li>• Brief interview of CA Chair Subash Nembang who favors majority path.</li> <li>• Nilamber in favor of consensus: a brief interview.</li> <li>• Past experiences: provisions in the previous constitutions about the election of the prime minister in the special circumstances</li> <li>• The parties in shaky grounds: democracy on stake by Raj Kumar Regmi highlighting anti defection provision in the new constitution.</li> <li>• Lessons from the parliamentary game by Kuber Nepali</li> <li>• Flaws in the electoral system by Sushil Pant</li> <li>• The British System is not appropriate for Nepal</li> <li>• The forms of governance: a political football says Chair of the committee Sambhu Hajar Dushad.</li> </ul>