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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	Scrap Sharma's Membership: TMLP to the CA Chair	Tarai Madhes Democratic Party (TMDP) submitted a letter to Constituent Assembly (CA) Chairman, Subas Nembang, on Tuesday, requesting him to terminate Ram Kumar Sharma's CA membership. Sharma had deserted the party more than a year ago and joined the Unified CPN-Maoist. According to TMDP Chief Whip Brijesh Kumar Gupta, his party informed the CA chairman that Sharma's position as CA member had become vacant as per the regulations of the CA, as well as the Anti-Defection Act 2054 BS because he had deserted the party. Gupta handed over the request letter to Nembang today.
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	CA Member Yadav Suspended for Six Months	Madhesi Janaadhikar Forum Nepal (MJF-N) suspended its central committee member, Biswonath Prasad Yadav, for six months on Tuesday. The MJF-N central committee on Monday decided to suspend Yadav from the CC, publicity department and central organization department. Yadav had charged 11 MJF-N CA members with selling their votes. They had crossed the floor to vote for Maoist Chairman, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, in the third prime ministerial run-off, defying the party's decision to remain neutral. Yadav had also charged that MJF-N Chairman, Upendra Yadav, of being involved.

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3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	PM Election on 22 August	<p>The fifth round of prime ministerial election scheduled for Wednesday is likely to be postponed until 22 August to mourn the death of Maoist lawmaker, Ram Kumari Yadav. However, a meeting of the Parliamentary Business Committee scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, before the scheduled polls, will take a formal decision to this effect. On Tuesday, Chief Whips of three major parties—UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress and UML—who met Speaker Subas Nembang, agreed to postpone the polling. Maoist Chief Whip, Post Bahadur Bogati, had proposed the postponement in the meeting. The leaders verbally agreed to postpone the election process for a week.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Round V Likely to be Put Off, page 1</p>
4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Enough is Enough: President	<p>President Dr Ram Baran Yadav has expressed serious concern over the protracted political deadlock and warned that democratic institutions could lose credibility in such a fragile political situation. In a meeting between the president and Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, the former asked the caretaker prime minister to take a lead to end the political impasse. “Credibility of democratic institutions is eroding by the day,” Rajendra Dahal, the press advisor to the President, quoted Yadav as saying.</p>

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5.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	6	<u>Madhes-Based Leaders Harp on Government Under One of Them</u>	<p>Madhes-based leaders of different political parties have stressed the need to form a consensus government under the leadership of a Madhesi leader. “As chances of getting a new prime minister during the fifth round of voting are slim, the major parties — UCPN-Maoist, Nepali Congress, CPN-UML — need to discuss leadership of a Madhesi leader, which is one of the best options to ensure peace and constitution,” said Minister without Portfolio and Vice Chairman of Sadbhavana Party, Laxman Lal Karna. In a similar vein, Madhesi Janaadhikar Forum-Democratic leader, Jitendra Dev, said it was high time the major parties mulled over different alternatives as it did not seem the next run-off would be able to elect a new prime minister. “United Democratic Madhesi Front has been repeatedly asking the major three parties to end the deadlock by electing new prime minister. If they can’t do so, UDMF will certainly opt for Madhesi leadership in the new consensus government,” he added. According to Dev, there is no alternative to consensus for peace and timely constitution.</p>
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	<u>CA Does Not Have Significance</u>	<p>Central Member of the Nepali Congress, Khum Bahadur Khadka, has said that the CA has already lost its significance and that it needs to be dissolved. He said he would propose the same at the central committee meeting, also. Khadka said there is no alternative to dissolving the CA and seeking fresh</p>

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7.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	2	Federalism With National Unity: President	President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav said that the federal states should be decided in such a way that it does not put the national unity and nationalism at risk. Receiving the memorandum submitted by National Campaign for Restructuring of the State on Tuesday, he said that Nepal needs a federal structure which can strengthen national unity and nationalism. The committee has been campaigning for three-province federalism.
8.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	Sherpas Irked at Their Mis-portrayal	Like every other group in Nepal, Sherpas have long been stereotyped. This generalization about them also makes it to the national curriculum. “One of the traditions of the Sherpa indigenous community is that marriages are fixed between cousin brothers and sisters. Moreover, the culture of polygamy and bigamy is still practiced by Sherpas,” reads a sociology textbook written by Harihar Ghimire about the Sherpa community for Grade 12. The book, ‘A general introduction of Sociology and Anthropology in Nepal’, was published by Taleju Publication in 2009. “This is an attack on our culture and prestige. Writing books about the tradition and culture of different ethnic groups without conducting any basic research on the community is outrageous,” said Pema Sherpa, President of Sherpa Association of Nepal, the central organization of the

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Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
9.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	6	Federalism for Dalits	<p>Shyam Shrestha writes:</p> <p>If we think that reservation is enough for Dalits and they don't need federations, the non-geographical federation does not prohibit proportional quota and reservation. The non-geographical federation is based on collective identity across the country rather than based on geographical habitat. Based on the same, it provides opportunity and rights for autonomy and internal rights to self-determination.</p>
10.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Indo-Nepal Relations: Interference or Concern?	<p>Professor Lok Raj Baral writes:</p> <p>The political leadership must understand the minute details and values of Nepal-India relations to enhance efficient diplomacy and mutual understanding.</p>
11.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	7	Do It Right	<p>Pramod Mishra writes:</p> <p>If Dahal, Khanal, and Paudel come together and bring everyone else together to forge a constitution out of multitude of ingredients, the effect will be magical. Stereotypes and generalizations about caste and ethnicity will fail. People of all stripes, including the many skeptics, will be compelled to acknowledge that in this we are all together. That the old leadership was not old and jaded after all and that it could rise</p>

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					<p>to the occasion by rising above their ideological and ethnic constraints to forge a common programme for Nepal. More than any other group, the burden of responsibility to lead Nepal in the right direction lies on the shoulders of our top Bahun political leaders. They need to perform not only in the interest of their own self and family or ethnicity but for all Nepali people. Only then will they be called true leaders and leave room for continued future leadership. This is a time to make history not break it. Not many people in history get such an opportunity. Make use of it for posterity.</p>
12.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	They Gotta Change	<p>Samira Poudel writes:</p> <p>The notion of power has to be redefined and detached from violence and attached to public interest. All knowledge is beached in power relations, including that knowledge which shapes social life, institutionalizes patriarchy, and legitimizes cultural formation. The other is mutual understanding of their roles of both male and female members of society. How power springs up and to whom it belongs depends very much on how its balance is altered. And empowerment is related to various measures of capacity building. In other words, capacity building means providing critical resources for development to those who need them the most. Gender clearly comes into the agenda of this critical debate.</p>