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फक्त यो संसद: अन्तरिम संविधान घोषणापत्रिका पहिलो वसन्तास्रोत संसद परिसंघा पुलेहुँका सखोली फुल। जनाजा-परीक्षण 2062-63 मा राजालाई वाँचि वर्णधिविज्ञान प्रतिनिधिसमा पुनर्स्थापना गर्न बाय परिपूर्ण नक्स संसदमा साधनका अभिक्रिया करेको गर्ने, 'साती' शब्द हटाउने र 'श्री
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DEMOCRACY BLOSSOMS: Mayflowers bloom on the grounds of parliament in May 2007 five months after the promulgation of the interim constitution. Parliament was restored by the king after the People’s Movement of April 2006, and the new house stripped the king of all his powers, took out the word ‘royal’ and changed His Majesty’s Government to Government of Nepal.
FOGGY BOTTOM: The view from the cockpit of a Buddha Air flight returning from a sightseeing trip to Mt Everest in January 2008. Kathmandu Valley is shrouded in fog with peaks of the central Himalaya forming a jagged horizon to the north.
MORE RHINOS: With the ceasefire and a decline in poaching, the number of rhinos in the Chitwan National Park rose from 375 in 2004 to 408 in 2008.
RAPID DEVELOPMENT:
The construction of hydropower projects along Nepal’s main rivers have hit the rafting industry. This rafting trip along the Kali Gandaki that used to take five days is now down to three.
ROYAL REPUBLIC: With the country in limbo between kingdom and republic, the Kumari blessed both the prime minister and the king on Indra Jatra in September 2007.
नयी परम्परा: अन्तरिक्ष संक्षिप्तकर्ता १ माघ २०६३ का राजा ज्ञानेंद्रलाई राज्यपाल सीताराम नेपाल गरेपछि कार्यवाहक राज्यपाल रहेका त्रिपाठीगाँवी सिरिजा प्रसाद कोइरालेले राजका आल्हकारिक धार्मिक र सांस्कृतिक अधिकारसमेत प्रसोग गर्न अन्थल्का छैन । तर, इन्होंनेका दिन ८ असार २०६५ मा कुमारीको दर्शन गर्न भने प्रशासनी पट्ठ सागा पानि नुभा दिए ।
GORGEOUS: A jeep negotiates a section of the army-built highway that links Beni to Jomsom along the Kali Gandaki gorge. Nilgiri looms in the background. The Nepal Army also built the Surkhet-Jumla highway (below) but much work still needs to be done to make it safe for traffic.

निर्माण सेना: नेपाल सेनाले कालीगण्डकीको तीरियी खनको सडक हुँदै फागुन २०४४ मा म्याग्दीको बेलीकट हिमालयको सुर्खेतको जोमसोम आञ्चलिक गाडी । शानि प्रवक्ता शुरू भएपछि सेना निर्माणको कम्यु बढी परिवालन हुन थालेको । पसंदधारी वैशाख २०६४ मा सेनाले निर्माणको कर्णाली राजमार्गको सुर्खेत-जुम्ला दुर्गाक खोलेको थियो (सल) । तर यो सडककालको यातायातको लागि सुरक्षित बनाउन अझी घेरे काम गर्न बारीकी ।
CROWNLESS: Four days after king Gyanendra stepped down in April 2006, protesters climbed the statue of King Prithbi Narayan Shah and tried to demolish it, but were stopped by civil society activists. However, two days later they returned and broke off the statue’s crown (overleaf). However, on Prithbi Jayanti in January 2007, supporters of the monarchy garlanded the same statue.
TERROR ATTACK:
A series of terrorist attacks in Kathmandu in September 2007 killed three people including two girl students. Investigators said the two kg time bombs were more sophisticated than any used before. The Tarai Army claimed responsibility.

A family in Thankot (below) mourns the death of student Sandhya Khadka killed in the Tripureswor blast.
STILL DISAPPEARED: Relatives of those disappeared during the conflict staged frequent rallies like this one in December 2007 demanding information, truth and justice (left). A proposed Truth and Reconciliation Commission is still stuck. Human rights activists (above) at the site in Shivapuri where the bodies of at least 49 people were allegedly cremated and buried by the army in 2003-4.
YEAR OF PROTESTS: 2007 was marked by an upsurge in identity politics, protests by marginalized groups who wanted fair representation and other organizations who wanted to be heard. From top to bottom: A Badi woman scales the gate of Singha Darbar demanding rights for her people, visually impaired women march on the government and Hindu groups protest Nepal being declared secular.
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EYEBALL-TO-EYEBALL: A Madhesi protester and a riot policeman confront each other in Kalaiya during a month-long general strike in the eastern tarai in February 2008.
MADHES ANGER: A row of burnt out buses along the east-west highway in Lahan in January 2007 (left). A Madhesi and Pahadi passenger side by side in hospital in Birganj (below). Both were injured when their bus was burnt on the East-West Highway in December 2007.
DARKNESS FALLS: Ganesh Himal glows at sunset behind Swayambhu and the twinkling lights of Kathmandu in this picture taken in November 2007. A severe electricity shortage crippled the economy with up to eight hours of power cuts a day nationwide throughout the winter.
GOOD BYE: Edmund Hillary (above, left) was the first person to climb Chomolungma with Tenzing Norgay in 1953, but in Nepal he was more respected for his commitment to uplifting the living standard of the Khumbu region. When he died on 11 January 2008, the loss was deeply felt in Nepal. Prime Minister Koirala lost his sister-in-law and close adviser Nona who died at age 78 in January 2008. Here she is seen being arrested during a pro-democracy demonstration in April 2006 (above). Former Nepali Congress minister and member of the government’s talk team with the Maoists, Narayan Singh Pun (left) died after a kidney transplant operation in New Delhi in February 2008.
CHOPPER TRAGEDIES: Family members of those who died in the helicopter crash at Ghunsa in October 2006 grieving at Kathmandu airport as bodies were brought in from the crash site (left). Twenty-two people were killed, including Nepal’s noted conservationists like Harka Gurung, Chandra Gurung, Mingma Sherpa, Tirtha Man Maskey. This crash of a Russian-built MI-8 helicopter in February 2008 in Ramechhap (below) killed 10 people, including UNMIN staffers Bhim Bahadur Gurung, Rabindra Khaniya, Rajesh Maharjan.
COMRADE KING: Comedian Manoj Gajurel impersonating Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Gyanendra during the Gaijatra festival in 2006. Gajurel has taken this act on successful tours within Nepal and abroad.

WORLD A STAGE: Coloured strips of cloth give the impression of a flowing river in the play Jiban Dekhi Jiban Samma at the Arohan Gurukul theatre in Kathmandu in 2006.
PRASHANT MANIA: Prashant Tamang became the hero of the Nepali world after winning the Indian Idol tv song competition in 2007. Thousands braved rain and mud to attend his concert in Jawalakhel.

PUN INTENDED: In July 2007, Mahabir Pun became the fourth Nepali to be awarded the prestigious Magsaysay Award. He was recognized for his community service using wireless internet for education and health in his native district of Myagdi.
PEOPLE POWER: Students, poets, professors led by Krishna Khanal stage a sit-in at Kiritpur in April 2006 as the People’s Movement reached its climax. Armoured personnel carriers and riot police were stopped by this massive demonstration of people power. Khanal led a moral victory for non-violence and showed the continued relevance of Gandhian opposition.
TWO WHEEL JAM: Motorcycles caught in a traffic jam caused by one of many street protests that plagued Kathmandu throughout 2007. Poor investment in infrastructure, unreliable public transport, easy credit from a boom in consumer banking has lead to an exponential growth in motorcycles in the cities.
GARBAGE OUT: Poor waste management led to frequent pileups of rubbish on the streets. Maoists lined up garbage trucks outside the Local Development Ministry to protest dumping at a landfill site February 2007.
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IN HIS PLACE: In a clear indication of the sidelining of the king, Prime Minister Girija Koirala takes the salute for the first time in the army parade on Phulpati in October 2007 as head of state (above). Koirala takes over from the king to fix pips on Rukmangat Katuwal after he became chief of army staff on 10 September 2006 (right).
CHIEF SAH’B: Chief of Army Staff
Rukmangat Katuwal frequently courted controversy during the unstable political transition with overtly political statements about his opposition to integration of Maoist combatants in the military. Here he is speaking to media on return to Kathmandu from a trip to China in January 2008.
ROYAL LUNCH: Congress leader Krishna Prasad Bhattarai marked his 84th birthday on 21 February 2008 by hosting a luncheon to which he also invited king Gyanendra, queen Komal and crown prince Paras. Six months earlier Bhattarai had quit his party after the Congress decided to back a republic. At his birthday, Bhattarai prophesised that Nepal’s monarchy would remain for 300 years.
HEART BROKEN:
Crown prince Paras being discharged from Norvic Hospital in Kathmandu after having a stent installed to unblock a coronary artery constricted by excessive cholesterol. Paras, who had kept a low profile since April 2006, was prescribed dietary restrictions.
SHINES ON: Eighty four-year-old Nepali Congress veteran Chhayadebi Parajuli led pro-democracy protests, and lived to see freedom restored. When she died on 26 August 2006 her body was draped in the party flag and cremated with full honours in Kathmandu.
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"YOUNG CRIMINAL LEAGUE": The YCL detained alleged defaulter Sitaram Prasai in June 2007 and paraded him in public in Tundikhel before handing him over to the police. When businessmen went to complain to Baluwatar, Prime Minister Koirala called the YCL the "Young Criminal League". In response, Pushpa Kamal Dahal called Koirala “the don of smugglers".
PRESENT ARMS: Maoist chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal raising the party flag at a march past at the Shaktikhor Cantonment in Chitwan in November 2007 on the occasion of ‘PLA Day’. Among the invited guests inspecting an armed guard of honour and a gun salute was UNMIN military adviser, Gen Jan Wilhelmsen. Dahal declared: “We are ready to fight for another 40 years.”
NIGHT LIFE: Kathmandu’s night clubs in recent years show considerable influence of similar establishments in southeast Asia, and represent Nepal’s rapidly changing urban social mores.
Sandalwood Economy: Nepal became a major conduit for Indian red sandalwood being transported to the Chinese market where it is prized for its therapeutic properties. The Maoist Minister of Forests Matrika Yadav accused the police and senior politicians of abetting the illicit trade, and got his YCL cadre to take control of the lucrative business.
LIFELINE: A homeless woman in Birganj mockingly greets a convoy of fuel tankers being escorted into Nepal from Raxaul through a curfew-bound highway during the Madhesi blockade in February 2008.
OIL AND WATER: UML leader Pradeep Nepal walks past people lining up for water while campaigning for elections in Baneswor (left). Meanwhile at the army pump in Bhadrakali (below) consumers spent hours, sometimes days, lining up for fuel.
NOT WORRIED: Vice Chairman of the council of ministers during the royal rule, Tulsi Giri, and former Chief of Army Staff Pyar Jung Thapa are ambushed by media after their depositions at the Rayamajhi Commission investigating crackdowns on pro-democracy protestors in April 2006. The commission’s recommendations were never fully implemented.
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FLAG WEAVING: As election fever gripped Bhairawa in March 2008, a group of tailors are busy stitching Nepali Congress flags on the sidewalk (above).

TOUCHABLE: These Dalits of Baitadi rose up against a tradition in which ‘high caste’ villagers killed water buffaloes for a festival, leaving the carcasses to be scavenged by ‘untouchables’. When the Dalits refused anymore to eat the leftover meat in 2007, villagers were forced to bury the rotting buffaloes.
IN FLAMES: Kapilbastu was engulfed in unprecedented communal riots after the murder of Moid Khan (inset), former leader of an anti-Maoist vigilante group on 15 August 2007. Up to 20 people were killed in three days of arson and pillage.
LINING UP: After the government announced 5,000 vacancies for jobs in South Korea, 32,000 people lined up to get applications for their Korean language exam at the Dasrat Stadium in March 2008. There are now 1.4 million Nepalis working in foreign countries other than India and their remittances pump in Rs 1 billion a year to prop up the national economy. Gulf-bound Nepalis about to board their flight in Kathmandu (below).

निर्देशितको लागि: सरकारले पाँच हजार नेपालीलाई सोजागरीका लागि कोरियाली पढाउने म्याप्रिय 3-6 बैठा 2008 मा कोरियाली माथि परीक्षा फर्म भन्ने दशरथ रुझानमा 32 हजारको लागि लगाएको । माहितारुपात भन्ने मुलुकमा काम प्रेक्षा ८५ लाख नेपालीले हुन सन २ राजनीतिक अधिकारी नामा ताहसलाई मुलुकको अबल्कललाई पार्थी रु १ खर्चमा बढी रेमिटेंस प्रदान गर्ने कारण । कश्रम मन्त्रालयले अनुसार आफ्नो पनि पैदलबीका ५०० जना कामका लागि निर्देशितकाले । खासी मुलुकको जान हवाईलाई चढौ नेपाली युवाहरू (लाल) ।
खाद्य-सङ्कट: वज्ञानविश्व खाद्य कार्यक्रमको फागुन २०६४ मै रिसेव ऑटोको नोदाम र नेपाली महिमागता खाद्यानन्दना भएको मूल्यवृद्धि भएको खाद्य सङ्कटको सङ्केत गरेको छ।
FOOD INSECURITY: The depleted food stocks inside this WFP warehouse in Bajhang shows Nepal’s precarious food situation made worse by a dramatic rise in food prices in the first four months of 2008.
MEGA MARATHON: British ultra-runners Lizzie Hawker and Stephen Pyke run past Thamserku on the Everest marathon in October 2007. They broke the previous record by completing the 302 km run from Base Camp to Kathmandu in 3 days, 2 hours and 35 minutes.
GENDER BENDER: A female cricketer practices her shots in Biratnagar. There is growing interest among Nepali women towards the game, not just in Kathmandu but in other parts of the country as well.
WING AND A PRAYER: A paraglider swoops down for a landing near Phewa Lake in Pokhara (right). Adventure tourism saw a big upsurge after the ceasefire in April 2006. Mahendra Police Club captain Hari Khadga (below) won this Toyota sedan after being declared outstanding player during the Martyr’s Cup A Division Football League in 2007.
SOARING TOURISM: Nepal’s tourism has bounced back with the peace process, bringing in much needed hard-currency and employment. Kathmandu airport had frequent parking problems (below). A tourist in an ultralight belonging to Avia Club soars over Pokhara’s lake and the peace stupa (left).
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DEMOLITION MEN: Maoist YCL cadre used bulldozers to demolish houses to widen the road from Kalanki to Soaltee Mode in July 2006 (overleaf). But their public relations efforts came to nought when they beat up people who refused to pay extortion money. Businessmen took out huge rallies when Hari Shrestha of Hotel Woodlands in Kathmandu was beaten up by Maoists in March 2007 (above).
अस्ताउँदो सौर्यः शाहपंथका इन्द्रदेव गोरखनाथको मन्दिरका मुख्य पुजारी साँख्रको पुजाराजापार दुन लागेको सूर्योत्सर हेदै। १४ फागुन २०६४ मा गोरखनाथ मन्दिरका मुख्य पुजारीबाट अजीवितह लिदे संबिधानसमा कुरानी अभियानमा गृहिजिल्ला गोरखा पुगेका माओवादी नेता बाबुराम महरराई (इसेंट्रमा)।
EMPIRE OF THE SUN: The head priest of the Gorakhnath temple, the patron deity of the Shah dynasty, watches the sun set after evening prayers. The next day, he blessed Maoist ideologue Baburam Bhattarai (inset) who climbed up to the Gorkha Palace during election campaigning in February 2008.
DEMOCRACY WAVE: One day after the victory of People Power in April 2006, the leaders of the seven parties wave from the roof of Koirala’s residence in Maharajganj (above). Maoist leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal arrived by helicopter in Kathmandu in May 2006 for the first time and was whisked away along with his wife, Sita, by Home Minister Krishna Sitaula in his car to Baluwatar for a meeting with Prime Minister Koirala (below).
WELL AGAIN: Prime Minister Girija Koirala emerging from hospital in May 2006 after falling seriously ill following the People’s Movement (left). When the political parties didn’t accept Taranath Ranabhat as speaker of the reinstated house in April 2006, deputy speaker Chitrakalekha Yadav (below) was appointed in his place.
HEIR APPARENT: Prime Minister Girija Koirala swearing in his own daughter as minister without portfolio January 2008. Many in the congress and within the Koirala clan were not happy with the move since they saw it as the prime minister trying to anoint his daughter as heir apparent.

LEFT EAR: Maoist leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal and the UML’s Madhab Nepal exchanging whispers after signing a 23-point agreement that brought the Maoists back into government in December 2007.
SWARING: Maoist Forest Minister Matrika Yadav was never too far from controversy ever since he was sworn in the first time in May 2007. He resigned after a run-in with the prime minister. Later, he refused to speak in Nepali during his second swearing in and walked out, but was later brought back by fellow Maoist ministers Pampha Bhusal and Hisila Yami (above). Yadav later took the oath in his native Maithili and Nepali.
KILLING THE MESSENGER: The media was targeted during the royal dictatorship (right) but attacks didn’t stop with the ceasefire. Wife and children of journalist Birendra Sah came to Kathmandu to meet political leaders (below). One month after his abduction, the Maoists admitted their cadre had killed Sah. Media also came under pressure from the Maoist trade union, which shut down two national dailies. The 1 October 2007 issue of Kantipur (below) was ready to go to press when Maoists vandalised the printing plant, and was never printed.
प्रेसमाध्यम हमला: शाही शासनकालमा आक्रमणको तारी बरेको नेपाली प्रेसलाई लोकतन्त्र र शाहिन प्रतिरोधपूर्वक पनि निराकार बनाउन छोडिएको । ९८ भट्टी ०६४ मा बाराका पत्रकार बीरेन्द्रकुमार राहको अपहरणपूर्वक खोजको लागि दबाब दिन काठमाडौं आएका साहित्यकी श्रीमती उमाराली र नाबालिग सन्तान दिवकर र रेखी (बायी माध्यम) । अपहरणको ३१ लाई दिन मात्र माघोवादीले आपातकालिक परिवर्तनसार्पिले साहित्य र गरेको स्वीकारेको निर्धारित । माघोवादी ट्रेड युनियनको दबावबाट केही दैनिक पत्रिका छापिन समेट पाएको । छापाखानामा माघोवादी अपराधको कारण ३५ असोज ०६४ मा नाचापिएको कालियुग दैनिकको प्रेश्प (बायी तल) ।
UN MONITORING: The head of the United Nations Monitoring Mission in Nepal (UNMIN), Ian Martin, looks at photographs of the People’s Movement on display at Basantapur Square to mark the first anniversary of the street protests on 24 April, 2007 (left). Maoist guerrillas going through their exercises at a Maoist camp near Hetauda before the signing of the ceasefire in June 2006 (below).
CODE OF MISCONDUCT: Chief Election Commissioner Bhoj Raj Pokhrel regularly summoned party leaders in the run up to the constituent assembly elections to remind them about their violations of the code of conduct. Here he is lecturing them again ten days before elections.
BREAKING TABOOS: In December 2007, the Supreme Court instructed the government to recognise third gender individuals in citizenship papers. Bhumika Shrestha (formerly Kailash Shrestha) of Naikap shows the citizenship certificate in which she was required to be classified as male (right). Lesbian partners Mina Nepali-Sima Sapkota and Laxmi Ghalan-Mira Bajracharya (above, left to right) came out of the closet five years ago. There are an estimated 70,000 homosexuals in Nepal, and Kathmandu alone has 1,200 lesbians.
CRIME AND NO PUNISHMENT: The period after April 2006 saw a dramatic upsurge in crime in Kathmandu and other cities. Citizens took out a protest rally after the kidnapping for ransom and murder in February 2007 of eight-year-old Bibek Sharma. Indian kidney merchant, Amit Kumar (below), was arrested in Chitwan, and in a controversial move, the government hurriedly extradited him to India.
Looking Glass War: A girl looks on as her grandfather shaves in Hetauda after the family fled Rautahat fearing violence in November 2007. The inability of the state to address Madhesi grievances led to many Pahadi families being displaced from the tarai where they had been living for generations. A mother and daughter who were killed by a collapsing house during floods in Banke (below) being taken away by police in August 2007.
सयी शुभेन्दु: काखालीको एउटा विद्यालयमा नयाँ राष्ट्रिय गोटिकीका बालिकालिका। पहिलो पटक राजा को स्वर्ण स्वर्ण राष्ट्रिय विभिन्नतको गुणगण गरिएको कबि व्याकुल माइकलको 'सयी शुभेन्दु फूलका हामी ..' बेलको गीत खुला प्रतिस्पर्धा बाट सहकर्तिय वर्ष२०२२ देखि नयाँ राष्ट्रिय गोटिकीको थियो, जसमा अन्नरु गरुँको सहस्त्र निर्देश छ।
MAY A HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOOM: Children at a school on the outskirts of Kathmandu memorise Nepal’s new national anthem that for the first time doesn’t wish a long life to the monarch, but extols the nation’s diversity.
BORED STIFF: Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala turns away as Pushpa Kamal Dahal hogs the media spotlight at a joint press conference in Baluwatar in January 2007.
MADHESI CITIZENS: A family in the tarai gets its citizenship certificates, fulfilling a long-standing demand of the Madhesi people. Nearly 2.3 million Madhesis got their citizenship papers.

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: After an all-night session political leaders finally agreed on the interim constitution in December 2006. The press was kept out, and this picture was taken by UML leader Madhab Kumar Nepal’s camera. The interim constitution has since been amended three times to accommodate the demands of various groups.
UNITY IN DIVERSITY:
Seven parties make a show of unity at a joint rally in Kathmandu in January 2008.
MASS YOGA: Long used to watching Indian guru Ramdev on television, Nepalis got a chance to take part in his mass yoga exercise on Tundikhel in September 2007 as an instructor does a headstand.

CATWALKING IN KATMANDU: Model Shristi Shrestha at the IIC Fashion Design Competition 2007 shows off a bikini made of leaves, while supermodel Sonu Poudel on the catwalk of the annual Lakme Nepal Fashion Week 2007.
A BRIDGE TOO FAR: The bridge over the Mugu Karnali destroyed by the Maoists during the conflict hasn’t yet been rebuilt. A woman takes her sick relative across to a health post on the other side on a wire bridge.
ACCIDENT OR NEGLIGENCE: This bridge over the Bheri in Surkhet was packed with pilgrims during a full moon festival in December 2007 when the suspension broke, plunging them into the icy river below. At least 20 people were killed.

The picture above was taken about five minutes before the bridge collapsed and the picture below just after.
ROMANTIC BLIZZARD: Kathmandu got its first snow in 60 years on Valentine’s Day in 2007.
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