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<b>News</b>					
1.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	1	Maoists to Obstruct CA Also	The UCPN-M, which had decided to obstruct the parliament until the prime minister's resignation comes, has finally adopted a strategy to obstruct the CA and Constitution writing process. They have made the strategy not to be present at the CA as opposition as well.
2.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Big 3 Dwell on State Restructuring, Statute</a>	<p>Leaders of the three major parties – Unified CPN-Maoist, Nepali Congress and CPN-UML — on Sunday discussed formation of the State Restructuring Commission (SRC) and disputed issues in the reports of the eight thematic committees under the convenorship of CA Chairman Subas Nembang. Nembang urged leaders to immediately constitute the SRC to begin work on the number, names and boundaries of federal units. The CA committee on Restructuring the State and Distribution of State Power (RSDSP) has, however, proposed 14 federal units based on ethnicity/identity. But most parties disagreed, saying the proposed federal units were unrealistic. Maoist leaders insisted that the present coalition government had to quit if the SRC was to be formed soon.</p> <p>Annapurna Post: Big 3 Meeting, Dispute on Prime Minister's Resignation                      The Kathmandu Post: Political Unity Still a Chimera, Three Parties Fail Again                      Kantipur: <a href="#">Three Parties Indecisive</a>, page 3                      Nagarik: Constitution Obstructed due to Resignation Issue, page</p>

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3.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	6	CA Member's Push for Budget Session	Nepali Congress Constituent Assembly (CA) member Nabindra Raj Joshi on Sunday demanded that the government call the budget session of the parliament at the earliest. Issuing a press statement, the NC parliamentary party spokesperson also asked CA Chairman Subash Nembang to initiate the stalled constitution writing process at the earliest. "It is a matter of pity that the peace and constitution-writing processes are in deadlock even after the extension of the CA term," he said.
4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Tharuhat Imposes Ban on Exploitation of Natural Resources</a>	The standing committee of the Tharuhat Autonomous State Council (TASC) has imposed a ban on exploitation of natural resources in Dang from Monday. Organizing a press conference in Dang district headquarters Ghorahi today, the Tharu organization informed that the 10th meeting of its working committee organized on Sunday had decided to impose a blanket ban on the extraction of sand, stones and other construction materials from the rivers in the district for a week from Monday. On the occasion, the TASC also informed that it had decided to organize a round table meeting of all ethnic groups as the nation had not yet come out of the transitional phase and the political stalemate had obstructed had continued to obstruct the constitution drafting process.
5.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	3	<a href="#">Government Has Failed on All Fronts: Khanal</a>	CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal today said the party could not cooperate with the Madhav Kumar Nepal-led coalition, claiming that it had failed to accomplish its mission of finding

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					<p>lasting peace and drafting the constitution within the stipulated timeframe. Addressing a programme organized by the party's Local Development and Infrastructure Department at Balkhu, Khanal said the only way to bail the country out from the political deadlock was to form a national unity government as the Nepal-led government had failed on all fronts. He further said his party was rooting for a consensus government, which could conclude the peace process and draft the new constitution within the extended time of the Constituent Assembly.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: UML no to Berth in Majority Government: Khanal, page 4</p>
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	2	Combatants Must Meet Standards for Integration	<p>Defense Minister Bidya Bhandari said on Sunday that even a single Maoist combatant may not be eligible for integration if they do not meet "standards norms". She further added that the number of the combatants to be integrated should be determined on the basis of the weapons registered with the UN. The UN had registered 3,475 Maoist weapons during its verification in December 2007. Bhandari's remark comes a day after Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal said that all UNMIN-verified combatants are eligible for integration. The number of combatants to be considered for integration has long been an issue of controversy among political parties. "Integration should be carried out on the basis of international norm of one-weapon-one-combatant," she said, adding that even a single combatant will not be integrated without meeting standard norms.</p>
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7.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	One Month Gone: Make the CA Calendar (Editorial)	It is very much important to solve the political issues. At the same time the task of constitution writing should also continued by following the CA calendar. There are many contentious issues with regards to the new constitution. However, the time should not be wasted. Therefore, it is the prime responsibility of the parties to ensure smooth constitution writing by bringing out the CA calendar as soon as possible.
8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	Constitution Would Not be Written	It includes the vox-pop of ex-administration about the constitution writing process:  Leaders could not show their capacity for consensus-Umesh Mainali  Due attention should be given to the constitution not to the formation and toppling of the government- Uday Raj Soti  If the god wishes, the constitution will be written- Mukunda Aryal  The fringe parties must exert pressure- Damodar Prasad Gautam  The Country might plunged into the clashes- Khemraj Regmi  If the current situation continue to prevail, four years won't be enough to write the constitution-Shree Kanta Regmi

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9.	Republica	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Elusive Consensus</a>	<p>CK Lal writes:</p> <p>The national politics of the future may revolve around a bio-nodal coalition system coalescing around Maoists on the left and NC on the right as UML disintegrates, Janajati parties gain traction and Madhesi parties splinter further into smaller groups. But for now, the center stage needs to be vacated for the Maoists. To the parliamentary parties who allege that the people had betrayed their confidence during CA elections, German Bertolt Brecht—yet another German—has the most mocking solution to offer: “Would it in that case/ Not be simpler if the government/ Dissolved the people/ And elected another?” Then the CA can stay, the prime minister need not resign and Maoists would have no ground to complain. A simpler answer, however, is still a value-based comprehensive political agreement for writing a new constitution and going for fresh elections as soon as possible.</p>
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