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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	8	Constitution Writing Just Like a Football Match	Professor Abhi Subedi has said that the constitution writing has become a football game. At a federalism dialogue on proposed Lumbini-Awadh-Tharuwan province organized by the Centre for Constitutional Dialogue and BASE in Dang, Subedi said federalism is linked with rights and that time has now come to materialize it. Stating that the debates on state restructuring had been going on since the Prithvi Narayan Shah's regime, he said the parties have focused on power just as in a football game rather than constitution writing. Professor Krishna Khanal said that since Federalism is a new phenomenon for Nepal, wider debates and consultations are required on it.
2.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	2	State Restructuring Commission	UCPN-M says that though the party agrees in principle to forming the State Restructuring Commission, the present government does not have the authority to form the commission. Party Spokesman Dinanath Sharma said that the commission would be formed on the basis of consensus only after the formation of the national consensus government.
3.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	5	No Constitution Without Consensus: Khanal	CPN-UML President Jhalanath Khanal has said that if the parties fail to reach consensus, the constitution would not be written in the remaining time, as well. At a program in the capital he said

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					all sectors should exert pressure for timely promulgation of the statute.
4.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	6	Ensure Dalit Rights in New Constitution	National and international representatives working for the welfare of Dalit community have stressed the need for ensuring the rights of the Dalit community in the upcoming constitution. At an international consultations meeting on caste freedom index organized by International Human Rights in association with Dalit NGO Federation, Dalit Welfare Organization and Dalit Studies and Development Center, they said issues of the Dalits must be addressed in the new constitution.
5.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	3	Stress for Inclusion and Federalism	Chancellor of Nepal Academy, Til Bikram Nembang, has said that the process for inclusion and federalism should be taken by considering the fundamental cultures and norms of all ethnic groups. At an interaction program, he said that there should be an integrated view with regard to ethnic beauty of all ethnic groups.
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	Budget Session Summoned for 5 July	President Dr Ram Baran Yadav on Monday summoned the budget session of parliament for July 5 amidst a threat by the main opposition party UCPN (Maoist) to obstruct the House. The President's Office, upon recommendation by Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, wrote to the Parliament Secretariat about the summoning of the budget session. A few hours after the Parliament Secretariat issued notice of the session, the main opposition Maoist party, at its standing committee meeting,

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					<p>decided to disrupt parliamentary proceedings during the budget session. “Instead of stepping down for the sake of national consensus, the government has taken a confrontational path by summoning the budget session. We will not let the House run its business,” said Maoist Vice-chairman Narayankaji Shrestha after the meeting.</p> <p>Republica: Prez Calls Budget Session for July 5, pages 1&3 Gorkhapatra: Budget Session from 5 July, page 1 The Himalayan Times: Budget Session Begins on July 5, page 1</p>
7.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	I am Being Cornered by my People	<p>UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal on Monday lamented that he has been hemmed in by his close aides as well. Dahal's confession comes on the heels of news report that a new coalition of three senior party leaders—Vice Chairmen Dr. Baburam Bhattari and Mohan Baidya, and General Secretary Ram Bahadur Thapa—has been formed within his party. “I have been besieged from all sides while raising the issues of nationality,” said Dahal, speaking at a function in the Capital today. He added, “It is painful in a situation when those considered close lay siege.”</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Dahal Says He’s Being Cornered, page 1</p> <p>Nagarik: Even Close Aides Hemmed, page 3</p> <p>Republica: I am Besieged by my Own: Dahal, page 1</p>

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8.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	3	No Constitution Without Transformation of the UCPN-M	CPN-UML leader KP Sharma Oli has said that the constitution would not be written in remaining 11 months if the Maoists do not transform themselves. At a program organized in Kathmandu, he said that the delay in the constitution writing is mainly due to failure to transform the ultra leftists.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
9.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	Project CA: After All, Whose Project Was it?	Professor Birendra Prasad Mishra writes: It is a matter of curiosity as to why the Maoists demanded for the CA despite being adherents to the political thought of one-party rule and the dictatorship of the proletariat. Were the Maoist leaders under the influence of Indian leaders, both the leftist and the democratic, during their stay in India during the insurgency? Or they might have thought of copying the Indian democratic innovations “in toto.” It is surprising as to how the communists, who have their schooling in Marxism, believing that power comes out of the barrel of the gun, could advocate for CA election where the secret ballots count and not the bullets. Perhaps, before the Maoist leaders had their schooling in Marxism, their traditional mindset remained by and large democratic, which influenced their political thinking of democratic innovation even after joining the Marxist path. Alternatively, some of the Maoist leaders, who were basically democrats, initiated and convinced their colleagues to go for CA, being a more democratic process where people’s wishes prevailed ultimately. Against this backdrop, it is obvious that the democratic group of Maoist leadership has either failed to convince their colleagues to pursue their democratic course

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