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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	2	Disseminate Information on Constitution Building	CA members have pointed out the need for disseminating information about the constitution building to the people. At an interaction program organized by Civic Relations Committee of the CA, the CA members said that people must be provided their rights to information. Committee's Chair Meena Pandey said that a mechanism should be formed to disseminate information. CA member Ram Jee Sharma pointed out the need for taking 43 contentious issues of eight committees to the people.
2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Big Three's Top Guns in PM Race: House Likely to Fail to Elect Premier</a>	<p>The scenario is finally clear. The race for the prime minister's post will be between the big three leaders of the Big Three. UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Nepali Congress (NC) Parliamentary Party Leader Ram Chandra Poudel and CPN-UML Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal will be contesting in the prime ministerial election on Wednesday. However, with no new equation among the major political parties through Tuesday evening, chances are high that Wednesday's elections will fail to elect a new prime minister, thereby leading to a second-round of voting.</p> <p>As of now, the Parliament failing to elect a new prime minister seems the most likely scenario. Dahal's candidacy and the</p>

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					<p>UML Central Committee decision on Tuesday to withdraw its candidate and stay away from election in case it fails to garner a two-thirds majority (401 votes) has made the scenario most probable. With the UML decision, unless the party changes it on Wednesday, NC candidate Poudel's hope of winning the election may come a cropper.</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">House Election for PM Today</a>, page 1&amp;3</p> <p>Kantipur: <a href="#">Prime Minister Still Uncertain</a>, page 10</p>
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	<a href="#">Madhesi Parties Looking for Trust</a>	<p>With all the three big parties joining the prime ministerial race, Madhes-based parties have a condition to support a candidate. They say their support will go to the party that commits to address Madhes issues and complete the peace process and constitution-drafting on time. Such a voice comes a day ahead of the election to a new prime minister as Madhesi parties have a role in power equation with their 83 seats in the parliament. United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF), the alliance of four Madhesi parties Madhesi Janadhikar Forum (MJF); Madhesi Janadhikar Forum-Loktantrik (MJF-L); Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party (TMLP); and Mahato-led Sadhbhawana Party, is due to take a joint decision regarding its position once it holds talks with other parties. "The party who guarantees implementation of the past agreements signed with the Madhesi parties will get UDMF's support," MJF Chairman Upendra Yadav told the Post. UDMF is yet to formally decide whether they will take part in a new government or not, he said.</p>

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					<p>The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">Madhesi Parties Holding the Ace?</a>, page 3</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">Madhesi Parties Likely to Skip Vote</a>, pages 1&amp;3</p> <p>Nagarik: <a href="#">Top Leaders of Big Three in the Fray</a>, page 1</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: Big Three Field Candidacy for PM, page 1</p> <p>Rajdhani: Prachanda, Poudel and Khanal in the Fray, page 1</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Prachanda, Poudel, Khanal in fray, page 1</p>
4.	Republica	English Daily	1	<a href="#">How Will Politics Unfold?</a>	The prime minister's election is taking place on Wednesday. But it's very unlikely that we will get a new prime minister in the first round of voting. How long it will take before there is a second round vote and who will become the next PM is still uncertain. In this analysis, Republica has presented different scenarios possible after Wednesday.
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	18	<a href="#">Khaptad Province Rejected</a>	The three day discussion on Khaptad province held in Dadeldhura has rejected the proposed province as it has excluded Kailali and Kanchanpur. At the discussion organized by the Centre for Constitutional Dialogue with the support of UNDP, most of the participants demanded that Kailali and Kanchanpur must be included in the proposed province.
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
6.	Rajdhani	Vernacular	6	Obstacle to the	Exclusion of the issue on the state restructuring from the CA

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		Daily		Constitution Writing (Editorial)	calendar has raised uncertainty over the timely promulgation of the new constitution. This has pushed the constitution building process in to uncertainty.
7.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	7	Madhesi Parties in the Contemporary Politics	Dr. Ram Dayal Rakesh writes:  Madhesi people have not received solutions to their burning problems. This is a challenge for the Madhesi parties. Most all the problems of Madhes could be resolved. However, the politics of the whole Madhes is failing.
8.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	7	<a href="#">Hot Seat</a>	Pramod Mishra Writes:  Making somebody prime minister, knowing in advance that the person will fail because of the challenges he will face and of his own personal inadequacies is a waste of time. Nepalis, especially the Maoists, should give somebody new, say, Baburam Bhattarai, a chance to prove his intellectual as well as political mettle to grapple with momentous issues. Let's see if he delivers with his proven administrative abilities as finance minister, his extraordinary intellectual capacity as an original thinker, and his reputation as a stable, reliable, balanced and thoughtful leader. Lack of personal charm and hobnobbing skills have not been productive so far. Other, more serious qualities may succeed in the high stakes game. Dollar rather than dime thinking is what can help us make headway at this historic juncture. So, let's think before we choose.
9.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Who Will Be The New Prime	Purushottam Dahal writes:

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				Minister? Whoever is it, the Peace Process and Constitution Writing May Remain Incomplete	The current political situation has indicated that whoever becomes the prime minister, the tasks of taking peace process to a logical end and writing the constitution may remain incomplete. The priority for the nation has been overshadowed by the struggle for power.
10.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	Let's not make the State Restructuring Commission Orphan	Gorakh Bahadur Bogati writes:  At a time when state restructuring has emerged as one of the disputed issues, the State Restructuring Commission must be able to play a decisive role. The Commission must carry out on-site visit acquire information before taking any decision. It may take at least four months for the commission to carry out the study given the geographical remoteness and other diversities. Thus the Commission must not be politicized. It should be allowed to work independently.