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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1	Agreement on Solving the Contentious Issues Through Voting	All the contentious issues will be solved through voting. CA chair expressed the hope that with this agreement with three major political parties held at CA, New Baneswor would help write the new Constitution on time. They agreed that the discussions on the contentious issues will start after two days and there will be voting.
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Weekly	3	Parties Agree to Continue Constitution-Writing work	Big three parties that are heading toward opposite directions in their struggle for power have agreed in principle not to disrupt the constitution-writing process. During their meeting with CA Chairman Subas Nembang, leaders of the big three parties agreed to continue to constitution-drafting work as per schedule.
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Prime Minister's Election in Parliament Today Also	The parliament is holding the fourth round of vote to elect a prime minister on 6 August with UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Nepali Congress leader Ram Chandra Poudel as candidates for the post. The CPN-UML, Madhesi parties and some small parties have already said they will stay neutral during the vote so chances of the country's getting a new prime minister are slim.
4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Stress on Non-Maoist Alliance	Visiting special envoy of the Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Shyam Saran, during his political meetings, has stressed the formation of a national consensus government led by democratic forces and participated in by Maoists. He said such a

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5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	Eighteen Parties including CPN-UML Call for New Process to Elect Prime Minister	At a meeting of eighteen political parties including CPN-UML, the parties have urged the prime ministerial candidates of both UCPN (Maoist) and Nepali Congress to withdraw their candidacies and begin a new process for national consensus. The parties also said the prime minister to be elected through the fourth round of vote will not be able to give completion to the peace process and constitution-writing process.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Constitutional Difficulty in Electing Prime Minister (Opinion)	Bipin Adhikari writes that solution to the problem related to electing a new prime minister is not possible through the existing constitution.
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	The Real Experts (Opinion)	Mahendra Lawoti writes that Community advocates know more than self-declared, degree-holding experts. He writes that many of the “experts” began to study the issues after they were recruited to fill some positions or hired with lucrative contracts by donors. Such a process is very costly to the country as their learning process takes up considerable time and resources, which could have been used to further the issues if real knowledgeable people had been recruited. The problem with the concept of “neutral experts” is that all people have positions—to claim neutrality is a lie. Such a notion is possible only because the

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					<p>dominant group has established its values, norms and perspectives as universal. The façade of universalism hides the position of dominant groups.</p> <p>A good example of portraying the position of one set or group as universal is a book called Creating the New Constitution: A Guide for Nepali Citizens (2008) by IDEA International and UNDP. Except for a Dalit and a Madhesi, no single contributor is a non-Newar indigenous nationality or Muslim. Bahun-Chhetri and Newar made up 85 percent of the “distinguished” Nepali contributors. It appears as if to be considered a “distinguished” intellectual in Nepal, one has to be born as a Bahun, Chhetri or Newar.</p>
8.	Nepali Times	English Weekly	4	Systemic Failure	<p>Ashutosh Tiwari writes that of the assembled 601, not a single CA member, including those from the affected districts, stands up and says, “These needless, untimely deaths of fellow Nepalis are unacceptable. They have to be stopped. When our citizens continue to die en masse because of preventable diseases, it indicates that something is horribly wrong. When we can’t even fix this simple problem, how will we achieve ours in education, health, livelihood, and so on for a better Nepal?”</p>
9.	Nepali Times	English Weekly	3	Hard Choices	<p>Prashant Jha writes that at press-times, this remains an unlikely prospect for the potential costs of defecting to the Maoists remain high for all politicians, especially those from the Tarai. Nepal’s parliament will probably make history by failing to elect a PM for the fourth time. If that happens, there must be an effort to begin the process afresh.</p>