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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	5	State Restructuring Commission Meaningless	Chairman of the Committee on Restructuring the State and Distribution of the State Power Lokendra Bista has said that the formation of the State Restructuring Commission does not hold any meaning as the 14-provinces have already been proposed. At an interaction program organized by Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Youth Association, he said that the commission could only provide technical recommendations even if it is formed.
2.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	5	New Arrangement for Sending Message to the CA Members by the People	The Constitutional Information Centers are going to be set up at different places of the country to ensure that the constitution be drafted as per the people's aspirations. The centers are being established with the objective of taking the information to the people from the CA and vice-versa. The centers are being established with the support of Nepal Law Society, UNDP and IDEA International. A two-day workshop was organized in the capital as the preparation for the establishment of the information centers to be established in Kailali, Banke, Kaski, Chitwan and Morang in the first phase.
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	UCPN-M CA Member Recruitment Controversy	UCPN (Maoist)-affiliated Mithila State Committee members in Dhanusha and Mahottari resigned on Friday over the party's nomination of Farmood Nadaf in place of renegade leader Matrika Prasad Yadav. At a press conference here, the committee members declared renouncement from all the responsibilities that they had been assigned by the party. The committee had

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					<p>proposed Taradevi Mahato, widow of Maoist martyr Rajkaran Mahato, to replace Matrika, now a leader of CPN (Maoist). The Maoists' central committee overrode the recommendation and nominated Nadaf instead. "No point being in the committee if our decisions are not acknowledged," said Roshan Janakpuri, Dhanusha in-charge. The other committee members also censured the move of the centre. A Maoist central member, meanwhile, said the party made a wrong decision by nominating Nadaf, a former royalist, as a Constituent Assembly representative. Sources said that Nadaf was hand-picked by Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal.</p>
4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1&2	Defeated Again	<p>The fourth round of prime ministerial election on Friday ended in a debacle again, with both the UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Nepali Congress Parliamentary Party leader Ram Chandra Poudel failing to secure a majority. The next election has been scheduled for Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. Dahal garnered 213 votes, 46 less than in the previous round. Poudel got 122 votes, two down from the third round. Two other major voting blocs—CPN-UML and Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM)—abstained for the fourth time. A dozen fringe parties including the CPN (ML) and RPP (Nepal) also stayed away from the polls. The winning candidate had to secure 301 votes in the 601-member parliament. Two new Maoist lawmakers were sworn in to fill the vacant posts before Friday's voting. The House saw the absence of 133 lawmakers when Dahal's candidacy was put to the test. When the session convened, all 28 lawmakers of the Madhesi Janadhikar Forum (Loktantrik) were busy at a Parliamentary Party meeting in Singha Durbar. The</p>

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					attendance increased to 561 when Poudel's candidacy was put for vote. [This news is covered by all newspapers]
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	I am Threatened by the Embassy	UCPN (Maoist) lawmaker Ram Kumar Sharma on Friday claimed that he received "death threats" for trying to woo lawmakers of the Madhes-based parties to support Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal in the ongoing prime ministerial race. Sharma has been actively involved in horse trading in the last few days. "An Indian Embassy consular has been calling in my mobile phone since yesterday (Thursday) and pressuring me to revise my support for the (Maoist) party chairman," Sharma told reporters after Friday's voting. "He called me this afternoon, too, and threatened me that he would kidnap or kill me if I didn't change my position." An Indian Embassy official, however, says the allegation is baseless. Sharma said the caller also warned that his daughter, an 11th grader at Kendriya Vidhalaya run by the Indian government, would be removed from the school.
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	CPN-ML Splits Again	Like the third round of the prime minister's election, the fourth round on Friday also had its moment of drama. Merely a few hours before the start of the fourth round, the CPN-ML led by CP Mainali split into two factions. Dissatisfied politburo member Jagat Bahadur Bogati formed a new party CPN-ML (Samajbadi) with four lawmakers. The four lawmakers who defected from CPN-ML are Yadu Bansha Jha, Tilak Bahadur Thapa Magar, Ganesh Chaudhary and Sharada Nepali. Before the split, CPN-ML had nine lawmakers in the Constituent Assembly (CA). After the formation of the new party, Bogati said his party would

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					vote for UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal in the prime ministerial poll. A press release issued in the name of CPN-ML (Samajbadi) read that CA Chairman Subash Nembang has been informed about the new party formation and that the party's registration procedure for the election will be initiated. Bogati alleged that CPN-ML General Secretary Mainali ignored the task of taking the peace process to a conclusion and also remained apathetic to the task of drafting a new constitution.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	b	A Leap Forward	<p>Kamalraj Lamsal writes about the dialogue space available in the Kathmandu including the CCD:</p> <p>CCD:By the name itself, the Centre for Constitutional Dialogue located at the Alfa Beta Complex of New Baneshwor, is the open space for dialogue in constitution building. The centre was established as a resource centre with full expertise to support the constitution building process in Nepal. The centre established under the Support to Participatory Constitution Building in Nepal of UNDP has been organizing open debates on various issues relating to the constitution building. So far the centre has organized more than 126 series of discussion ever since it's established in January 2009. The centre provides easy access to civil society representatives, politicians, journalists and general people in the discussions. Such programs provide opportunity for</p>

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					listening, watching and sharing experiences on constitutional development across the globe. The major objective of the CCD was to focus on the discussion around the issues related to the constitution building. However, it organizes discussion in other relevant issues as well.
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