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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	5	Discussion About Preamble in the Constitution	Commentary Notes on the Concept Papers and Preliminary Drafts of the Thematic Committees of the Constituent Assembly has stated that the reference in the preamble of the sacrifice made by people and recalling to the historical injustice in the past to the people may be taken as historical innovation. The Commentary notes published by the Nepal Law Society and IDEA International in association with the CA Secretariat has further stated that it seems natural to reflect as to the sources of the constitution, the very objectives of promulgation of the constitution and political features of the state in the preamble to the constitution. It has also stated that as equal role of the centre and the state has been recognized in the process of amendment to the constitution, a balanced approach of the federal structure seems to have been developed for the days to come
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Maoists to Seek Clarification from the Ambassador	A meeting of UCPN (Maoist) office bearers on Saturday decided to seek an official response from Indian officials on the alleged death threat issued by an Indian Embassy official to the party's Central Committee member and lawmaker Ram Kumar Sharma. After the fourth round of prime ministerial election on Friday, Sharma had said he was being threatened over telephone by a consular at the Indian Embassy for what he said was lobbying for Madhes-based lawmakers to vote for Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal in the prime ministerial election. Sharma had also said the caller also warned him that his daughter, an 11th grader at Kendriya Vidhalaya run by the Indian government, would be

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					<p>removed from the school. This news is covered by all newspapers</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Maoists to Seek Indian Response, page 1</p>
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Congress Won't Withdraw	<p>The Nepali Congress (NC), which is hoping against hope to form a majority government, has not yet decided to withdraw from the prime ministerial race. The party's Central Working Committee meeting on Saturday decided to continue with the election process. "After entering into the fray, it is not good to give competitors a walkover; but this does not mean the NC is not ready for consensus," NC Spokesman Arjun Narsingh KC said.</p>
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	Press Parties to End Impasse	<p>Constituent Assembly (CA) Chairman Subas Chandra Nembang on Saturday urged indigenous peoples to pressurise political leadership to break the deadlock and concentrate on drafting the constitution. Saying that indigenous peoples' rights and issues will be addressed only if the constitution is written on time, Nembang also urged indigenous leaders to unite and continue a peaceful, rights-oriented movement to nationalize their issues. According to him, indigenous peoples have not yet been able to unite themselves and voice their concerns effectively in order to address their issues.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Nembang's Fresh Call to Make Fifth PM Poll a Success, page 3</p>
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Main Opposition No to 'New Course'	<p>The main opposition party, UCPN (Maoist), on Saturday concluded that a 'new course' as advocated by the CPN-UML is not a good idea as, according to the party, political parties lack a 'strong base' for consensus. The Maoist party, however, decided</p>

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					<p>to hold serious dialogue with the Nepali Congress, UML and other fringe parties to form a consensus government under the party by adopting the election process. A meeting of office bearers of the party on Saturday decided to continue with the prime ministerial election while also simultaneously looking for consensus.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: Maoists Still Keen on Leading Government, page 1</p>
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Outlet to the Deadlock	<p>Dr. Bhimarjun Acharya writes:</p> <p>Both candidates for the prime minister must withdraw their candidacy to pave ways for finding outlet to the current political deadlock</p>
7.	Annapurna Sabha	Vernacular Weekly	1-8	Weaknesses of the Constitution?	<p>This week's issue focuses on flaws in the interim constitution. It includes different features, interviews and opinions about national consensus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it the weakness of the constitution? by Raj Kumar Regmi including the views of different leaders. • There are problems in the parties by Raj Kumar Regmi including the interview of CA Chair. • Constitution and the Regulations do not match • Interview of different experts: <p>‘Remaining neutral? What kind of provision is this?’, says</p>

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					<p>advocate Chandra Kanta Gyawali</p> <p>‘It is not the weakness of the constitution’, says advocate Madhav Kumar Basnet</p> <p>‘It is the behavior of those who are abided by the constitution’, says Bijay Mishra</p> <p>‘The regulations is weak’, says former attorney general Raghav Lal Baidhya</p> <p>‘Democracy would not be strengthened this way’, says Shree Hari Aryal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the constitution rigid or flexible?• Constitution Amendment, how many times?
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