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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	<u>The Pace of the Effort to Resume Constitution Writing Slow</u>	The informal effort of the CA to resume the constitution writing process has been slowed down. The effort made by the CA Chair through the informal mechanism of the major three parties to narrow down the political differences has not been able to take up speed. The meetings are being held every day, however, they have not been able to yield any result. The meetings have been focusing on the thematic committees reports that are to be passed by the full house and sent to the constitution committee to the pave way for finalizing the draft constitution.
2.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	3	<u>Statute a Must for Democracy: Acharya</u>	Chairman of the Constitutional Committee, Nilambar Acharya, said today that not only political parties, but democracy itself would fail if the constitution was not written. Releasing a book—Sanghiyatama Sthaniya Swayatta Sarkarko Sambaidhanik Vyavastha (Constitutional Provision of Local Self-Governance in Federalism), Acharya said, “The constitution writing process is still obstructed. If constitution writing fails, political parties, democracy and the peace process will fail.” The book authored by constitutional experts, Dr Bhimarjun Acharya, Tika Ram Bhattarai and Parashu Ram Upadhyaya, was published by Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) in coordination with GTZ. The drafts of seven committees out of 11 are yet to be submitted to the Constitutional Committee, said Acharya. “There is still dispute on major issues of the constitution such as judiciary, executive, legislative and electoral system among political parties,” he said. “The reasons behind the constitution

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					writing process are issues of formation of government, peace process and implementation of past accords and agreements,” he added. The constitution should be implemented by May 28, 2011 when the extended tenure of the Constituent Assembly expires.
3.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	27 Parties in CA: Difficulty to Provide Office and Other Facilities	The CA Secretariat is finding it difficult to make arrangements for the office space and staff as the number of political parties in the CA reached 27. The two new parties have already submitted a demand for office space and other facilities; however, the secretariat is struggling to provide the same. The two new parties are Sanghiya Loktantrik Rastriya Party and CPN-ML Samajbadi.
4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1&2	‘Let’s Withdraw the Candidacy and Seek Consensus’, Maoists to Congress	In a major development aimed at ending the current political deadlock over the prime ministerial election, the UCPN (Maoist) on Monday put forth two options before the Nepali Congress (NC). Firstly, as the largest party in the Constituent Assembly, the Maoists have asked the NC to support their prime ministerial bid for a national unity government. Secondly, they have said that they are open to the prospect of ending the current stalemate to initiate a fresh start for national consensus. The fresh proposal from the Maoists follows the fourth defeat of Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal and NC Parliamentary Party leader Ram Chandra Poudel in the ongoing prime ministerial election. The leaders of the two parties, however, failed to reach any agreement during the discussion held at the Maoist Parliamentary Party Office in Singha Durbar on Monday morning. “We urged the Nepali Congress to support our leadership in the new government. We also proposed withdrawal of candidacy of both the parties to make a fresh attempt at consensus,” said Maoist Vice-Chairman Baburam Bhattarai. “But Nepali Congress turned

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					down our proposal.” The Kathmandu Post: Maoists Sets New Terms , page 3 Republica: Maoists for Withdrawal of Both PM Candidacies , page 1
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	UML in Problem: Center Committee Meeting Tomorrow	The CPN-UML on Monday decided to resume its Central Committee (CC) meeting on August 11 to discuss issues related to the rounds of prime ministerial election going on in the parliament. The meeting that begun on July 6 was deferred on July 20. After the UML withdrew the candidacy of Chairman Jhala Nath Khanal before the first round of prime ministerial election after failing to garner an assurance of 401 votes, the faction led by K.P. Oli and Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal in the party had been pressing Khanal to call the CC meeting to take a decision on voting. UML has been staying neutral. While Khanal has ruled out the possibility of supporting any one to form “another majority government”, the Oli-Nepal faction is for supporting an NC-led majority government to end the stalemate if a consensus government is not possible. Party insiders say Khanal was reluctant to call the CC meet because the Oli-Nepal faction has greater command in the body, meaning a decision to support the NC could be taken, going against Khanal’s stand. Republica: UML Unlikely to Change Stance , page 1
6.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	1	Role of Indigenous Nationalities Significant in State Restructuring	Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal has said that the indigenous nationalities have a significant role to play in the restructuring of the state. Addressing a programme organized by Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) on the

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					occasion of the 16th International Indigenous Peoples' Day, Nepal said there was little possibility of the fifth round of election giving the country a consensus government if no party made sacrifices for stability and peace. Chairman of Constituent Assembly, Subas Nembang, urged political parties to unite to counter foreign intervention. "If we are united we need not blame others," he said. Citing that the government has already ratified the International Labour Organisation's Convention 169 and adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People he said the nation would not backtrack.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	Lets Seek a Common Candidate (Interview)	UCPN-M Vice Chair Dr. Baburam Bhattarai says: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would not be nice for president to be repeatedly defeated in the election • Though the process if majority the goal however is for a national coalition government • The national consensus government should be led by us • The comments made by Barshaman is child syndrome and Lenin used to called it, "child disorder."
8.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	6	Khambuwan Federal Province in Federal Nepal	RK Khambu writes: <p>The Khambuwan province should be provided the rights to reject or disagree to the central government's decision against local autonomy. The name of the autonomous province of Khambu would be Khambuwan. The province will draft its own</p>

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