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<b>News</b>					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	<a href="#"><u>Structure of Constitutional Bodies to be Discussed</u></a>	The UCPN-M, NC and the CPN-UML have agreed to discuss the differences pointed out by the study committee regarding the contentious issues related to the structure of constitution bodies. The meeting held on Thursday at the initiative of the CA Chair, Subash Nembang, decided to discuss the issue at the study committee again and at the respective parties' higher level.
2.	The Kathamndu Post	English Daily	3	<a href="#"><u>Acharya Cautions Parties Against Taking Shortcuts</u></a>	While some are hailing the decision of the three major parties to resolve the disputed issues in the Constituent Assembly (CA) through a simple vote, the head of the Constitutional Committee (CC) has cautioned the parties against taking a shortcut. CC Chairman Nilambar Acharya said on Thursday that drafting of the new constitution would become more difficult if the CA forwards its reports through a vote. Acharya's concern follows a recent decision taken by UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress and CPN-UML to settle the disputed issues through a vote—recommended in the reports of the eight thematic committees in the CA. As per the agreement, the CA would direct the CC to enshrine the provision of securing a simple majority in the first draft of the new constitution. “We should not choose a wrong path for the sake of early completion of the first draft of the constitution,” said Acharya. “The deadlock over constitution drafting will not be over if the House prepares its directive over the concept paper through a simple majority.” The constitution-writing process is at doldrums as the CA has failed to provide business to the CC. Of the 11 CA committees, the CA has

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					forwarded reports of only three committees to the CC and the political parties are still divided over the reports of eight remaining
3.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	3	<a href="#">Draft Statute on Time, Urge Students</a>	Representatives of various student unions have urged political leaders to draft the constitution within the stipulated time to ensure every citizen's rights. Speaking at the 21st anniversary of Nepal Student Front (NSF), a student wing of Nepal Sadbhavana Party-Anandidevi, Vikki Yadav, president of NSF said, "Political parties are busy with government formation and not focused on drafting the constitution." Other student leaders urged political parties to end the deadlock and focus on drafting the long-awaited constitution.
4.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	3	Constitution Without Federalism is Meaningless	Former Speaker, Daman Nath Dhungana, has said that there is no alternative to federalism for the unity of Nepal. He added that the constitution without federalism cannot be imagined. At a program organized by Nepal Student Front (NSF) he said that federalism is necessary for the identity of the people from all caste and group.
5.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Maoists' New Option: Minority Government	Claiming that election for prime minister was linked to national independence, Unified CPN-Maoist on Thursday decided to show flexibility on withdrawing the candidacy of its chairman, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, and exploring other options. Speaking at the Central Committee meeting this afternoon, Dahal claimed that the PM's election was not merely an election but an issue of national independence and the party should, therefore, think of alternatives to safeguard the political rights of the people. According to a politburo member, Dahal was for forging alliance with the like-minded forces that were for safeguarding the

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					<p>national interest 'at a time when the foreign interference has become critical'. "The party can also accept the leadership of other forces close to us if attempts to form national government under our leadership fails," he said. Dahal also proposed to form a minority government under its leadership if other options failed. "We may not take part in the prime ministerial polls after August 18, as the party has been focusing on seeking alternatives," said the politburo member.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">Maoists Flexible on Opting Out</a>, page 1 The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">Maoists Take Flexible Stand in PM Race</a>, page 3</p>
6.	Republica	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Saran to Get Back to Maoists</a>	<p>Shyam Saran, who recently visited Nepal as a special envoy of the Indian government, is getting back to the Maoist leadership after reporting to Indian Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, and Congress-I President, Sonia Gandhi, about his talks with top Nepali leaders during the visit. "Saran said he will get back to us with the response of Sonia Gandhi and Indian Prime Minister Singh regarding our views which we put forth during talks with him," a politburo member of UCPN (Maoist) quoted party Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal as saying during a central committee meeting held at the party head office in Kathmandu Thursday.</p>
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
7.	Nayapatrika	Vernacular Daily	15	Significance of State Restructuring Commission	<p>Bhawani Baral writes:</p> <p>It is surprising to note that the need for state restructuring commission has emerged after the completion of the 80% tasks</p>

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8.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	7	The Electoral System Suitable for Nepal	<p>Kaman Singh Lama writes:</p> <p>The closed list proportional multi-seat constituency voting system should adopted in the new constitution for the inclusion of marginalized and oppressed communities.</p>
9.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Wish He Were Here</a>	<p>Sarita Giri writes:</p> <p>In the last days of <b>G.P. Koirala's</b> life, he feared three things most. One, the leadership crisis that would ensue after him. Two, communal disharmony due to rising ethnic aspirations. Three, disintegration of the country due to federalization. To alleviate these fears, he wanted to be sure that there was a national leader with nationwide political organization to keep the country intact with the cooperation of other parties after him, and second, a state restructuring commission was formed to manage the federalizing process.</p>
10.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	<a href="#">Don't Wanna Break Up</a>	<p>Khagendra Nath Sharma writes:</p> <p>Saving the nation is more important than any part thereof. The Madhesi leaders could endear themselves to people of the hills if they would work to strengthen the nation. It is high time they thought of higher and nobler objectives than merely chiming separatist slogans. The Tarai is as dear to its citizens as the hills and mountains because we are an integrated nation. The Nepali people can welcome a leader of any region if he/she has a high, national ideal and character. We need leaders of vision to</p>

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