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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	1	CA Members Passing Time Doing Nothing	The task of the constitution writing has not moved ahead even after two and a half months since the extension of the CA tenure. The focus of the parties on government formation has overshadowed the constitution writing. This has led to uncertainty of the CA meeting. CA members are wasting time doing nothing but yawning. This has led to frustrations among the CA members for not being able to accomplish the task entrusted by the people.
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Parties Firm on Their Stances	<p>The Nepali Congress (NC) proposal to form a government under its leadership on a four-month “rotation basis,” with UCPN (Maoist) and CPN-UML each taking subsequent four-month turns, has been shot down. The development comes just before the Big Three’s planned meeting, probably on Monday, when the NC is likely to table the proposal formally. Earlier, NC tabled the proposal to UML in a meeting on Saturday and both had agreed to discuss it in a three-party meeting. NC believes that a government led by it will “sort out” key contentious issues of the peace process, including integration of the Maoist combatants, in the next four months. It would then be time for either UCPN-Maoist or UML to assume leadership.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Maoists, UML Reject NC Plan, page 1 The Himalayan Times: NC, Maoists to Withdraw Candidacy if Consensus Forged, page 3</p>

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3.	Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	NEFIN Agitation Paralyzes Country	The nationwide transportation strike called by the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) affected life across the country on Sunday. NEFIN, an umbrella organisation of indigenous people in the country, called the strike as part of its month-long protest that concluded Sunday, demanding timely drafting of the constitution, among other things. It has also demanded that the authorities ensure and incorporate the rights of marginalized communities in the new constitution.
4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	3	Thapa Bats for Fresh CA Elections	Chairman of Rastriya Prajatantra Party-Nepal Kamal Thapa said a fresh election to the Constituent Assembly was needed as the incumbent CA failed in numerous ways to solve the current political impasse. Speaking at a programme organised by the Patriotic Nepalese Democratic Forum (PNDF)-UK in London on Saturday, he also said all past agreements, including the 12-point agreement, hold no meaning in the present context and a new one among all 25 political parties could pave a way out of the crisis. "It's high time all the Nepalese went beyond their personal or party interest for the sake of the nation before it slid toward disintegration and anarchism," he said, adding that the lasting peace, country's prosperity and democracy, which were the people's aspiration during the People's Movement in 2006, were put on the backburner due to 'major parties' petty interests and rat race for power.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
5.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Parties on the Shaky Ground	Surendra Thapa Magar writes: If the civil society does not intervene, the drafting of the constitution will not be possible. Thus, the civil society must

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					make efforts to end the current political deadlock and pave ways for drafting the constitution within the extended tenure.
6.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Civil Society on Fence: Analysts (Feature)	“Political parties have failed to balance two things: power sharing and constitution writing,” said Nilambar Acharya, Chairman of the Constitutional Committee. “There is definitely room for civil society leaders to play a proactive role.” But some remain wary of their approach and fractious in their nature. Shyam Shrestha, a civil society leader said the outer layers of society have melted following the defeat of the ‘common enemy’ — after the 2006 movement. “It is not unnatural that professional groups and party-affiliated organizations have gone back to business. Yet, the core group of civil society activists and leaders remain steadfast,” he said, refuting implications that civil society has been co-opted by either the parties or the donors.
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	7	CPN-ML Split Evidence of Dirty Maoist Politics	The decision of the four CA members was made overnight in accordance with the Maoist plan to garner a majority. Even if the Maoists could not get the votes of the whole party, they were successful in garnering the votes of some through various monetary incentives and by dangling the bait of plum posts in future government. The split in CPN (ML) parliamentary party is strong evidence of the dirty politics being practiced in Nepal right now.
8.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	Sensitization of People	Bhawani Dhungana writes: Academicians, teachers and college lecturers need to play a more effective role in encouraging local residents to be more vigilant and monitor their CA representatives’ performance. If these representatives do not perform their duties properly, the local

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