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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#"><u>Dispute on Number of Parliament and Name</u></a>	Differences have been seen among the three major parties regarding the structure, number and names of the legislative bodies in the new constitution. NC and the CPN-UML have stood in favor of the report of the Committee on Determination of the Form of the Legislative Body which has proposed a bicameral (House of Representative and National Assembly) at the central level and unicameral elected parliament at the provinces. However, the Maoists have disagreed to the number of houses of parliament and their name. It has a proposed unicameral parliament and the name should be 'Janapartinidhisaba' or people's parliament. The committee has proposed attaining 18 years before getting the right to vote, whereas the Maoists have demanded that the age should be 16 years.
2.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	3	<a href="#"><u>CA Member Sharma's Post to be Scapped</u></a>	The Tarai Madhes Loknatrik Party (TMLP) on Monday decided to terminate Constituent Assembly membership of lawmaker Ram Kumar Sharma. The party's Central Committee meeting decided to notify Speaker Subas Nembang on Tuesday about its decision to quash Sharma's membership. Sharma, who was elected from Mohattari-4 in the CA elections, joined the UCPN (Maoist) in 2009. "The party has decided to terminate his membership concluding that he was involved in undisciplined activities," said TMLP Whip Govinda Chaudhary.
3.	The Kathmandu	English	1	<a href="#"><u>CPN-UML Sticks to</u></a>	The CPN-UML on Monday reiterated its stand to stay neutral in

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	Post	Daily		<a href="#">Its Neutrality Guns</a>	<p>the fifth round of prime ministerial election and decided to make efforts to amend the parliamentary regulations to initiate a ‘new course.’ The party’s Central Committee meeting held earlier had taken the same decision. A meeting of the UML Parliamentary Party held on Monday concluded that the stance taken by the party on the formation of a national consensus government is still relevant. Almost all the lawmakers advised the leadership not to support the formation of a majority government. The PP meeting also lauded the CC decision to remain neutral. The meeting urged both the parties—UCPN (Maoist) and Nepali Congress—vying for the prime minister’s post to withdraw their candidacies while requesting all the parties in the Constituent Assembly (CA) to take initiatives for starting a new course to form a consensus government.</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">UML to Stay Neutral if Present Process Continues</a>, page 1</p>
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	<a href="#">Maoists Open to Options</a>	<p>UCPN (Maoist) on Monday said it is ready to go for any alternative, including withdrawal of its candidacy from the ongoing prime ministerial polls, if other parties make a “concrete commitment” to forge consensus before or right after the fifth round of polls on Wednesday. The party will contest the election if other parties fail to give a commitment for consensus. Maoist Chairman, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, made the statement in his Monday’s official response to CPN-UML Chairman, Jhala Nath Khanal’s, Aug. 12 letter that had requested Dahal to withdraw and start a “consensus course” anew. In his letter, Dahal has also requested the UML to support him in the fifth round election in</p>

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<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
5.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	6	Peace, Constitution and Prime Minister	Gobinda Pokharel writes:  The process of solving the problems by sitting at one place and discussing the problems must begin. Only this would lead to the election of the new prime minister, logical end to the peace process and constitution promulgation.
6.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	4	Yawning CA Members (editorial)	The news about the CA members yawning and passing time at the CA is disturbing for all who were expecting to see that Nepal gets the new constitution. This has led to the view that instead of spending so much money for their salary and allowances it would be better to pursue a fresh mandate.
7.	Janadesh	Vernacular Daily	6	Challenges of Writing the New Constitution	Ekraj Bhandari writes about the challenges in writing the new constitution. He has described the challenges in the preamble, fundamental rights and duties, legislature, executive and judiciary.