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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	CA Member Sharma Resigns	CA Member Ram Kumar Sharma, who defected from the Tarai Madhes Democratic Party to join the UCPN-Maoist, tendered his resignation from the Constituent Assembly membership to CA chairman Subas Chandra Nembang on Wednesday. He was elected to the CA from Mahottari-4 from the TMDP seat, and left the party 13 months ago. Earlier, he had told journalists after the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting that he would give up the CA berth. On Tuesday, his former party TMDP had formally asked the CA chair to scrap the defector's CA membership. Sharma has hit headlines recently with the claim that an Indian Embassy official issued death threats to those who support the Maoists. [This news is published by all national dailies]
2.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	3	CA Building Gheraod	The members of the Senior Citizen Society of Nepal staged demonstrations in front of the CA building on Wednesday demanding the timely completion of the statute writing task. Representatives of the society accused the CA members of doing nothing and getting the salary. They also demanded that the CA members must resign for not being able to accomplish the task given by the people.
3.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	PM Election Postponed for 23 August	Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Constituent Assembly on Wednesday concluded with the decision to postpone the prime ministerial runoff, the fifth in a row, to August 23. The CA chairman who is also the speaker of the

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4.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	Amendment Possible Only if All Parties Agree	CA Chair, Subash Nembang, has said that if the two candidates withdraw their candidacy and all parties in the parliament agree, the CA regulations could be amended. Talking to Kantipur he said that the parties must reach consensus by stopping the PM's poll for amending the regulations.
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	Amendment Not Possible	NC Leader and candidate for the PM. Ram Chandra Poudel, has said that the regulations could not be amended at a time when the poll is going on to elect the new prime minister. He said that NC would not stand by the proposal put forth by the CPN-UML for amending the constitution.
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1&12	UNMIN to Phase Out	<p>UNMIN has put forth five alternatives for the phasing out of the mission from Nepal. The non-paper alternatives presented before the parties are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formation of the clear workplan for reintegration and rehabilitation and emptying the cantonments. 2. Downsizing the UNMIN by increasing the number of ex-Gorkha Army Soldiers for the monitoring. 3. Forming a separate monitoring mechanism by the

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Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	6	Federalism: A Successful Beginning	<p>Pradeep Nepal writes:</p> <p>The task of determining the provinces should not be entrusted to the political parties. Rather, it should be done by a group of experts.</p>
8.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	Carving a Niche	<p>Bhekh Bahadur Thapa writes:</p> <p>Fundamentally, Nepal's foreign policy is based on enlightened self interest—that is to protect our sovereign status and partner with other countries for peace and prosperity. This concept took deeper roots following our participation in the Bandung conference (1955), which ushered a new era in global diplomacy and the theme of nonalignment, be it in the region or beyond, got near universal acceptance. To stay this course is now a major challenge. The changing environment on both sides of our border must be seen as an opportunity to move forward and gain a position of respect. It is a goal to be pursued with consistency and vigor. All this must await the new constitution that hopefully will enable the nation to speak with one solid voice. Beyond the region enhanced participation and effectiveness in global form must receive due priority. The concept of global village, market</p>

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					linkages, open trade, environmental concerns, and economic and financial linkages poses new challenges, which if handled properly, also presents us with a window of opportunity. For too long we have depended on charity for want of leadership and foresight in our conduct abroad and good governance at home.
9.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	5	The Saran Doctrine	<p>Gopal Khanal writes:</p> <p>We should not forget that Saran was one of the “external architects” of Madhesi politics for which the parties were established. It does not mean that the Madhesi leaders had not played any role; they had. According to Saran, Madhesi parties can practically be loyal to India. It is the reality too. Therefore, to create pressure against Kathmandu, Madhesi unity is the best option for India. This can be taken as a strategic Indian move. Saran arrived in Kathmandu at a time when the 11 members of the Upendra-led MJF had defied the party decision and voted for Prachanda, much to Delhi’s dislike. Similarly, his visit took place when one of the ex-royal family members had been engaged in buying off some CA members of the Tarai parties. Both these moves were against Indian interests. Reinstatement of the monarchy in any form or a weakened Madhes can lead to a backlash for the South Block. India is facing five major problems—Naxalism, autonomy in Indian-administered Kashmir, double-digit inflation, religious extremism and terrorism. They are all, in one way or the other, linked to the Nepal situation. Again, China is a rising superpower. In such a situation, India cannot lose its security umbrella in Nepal. Saran’s visit should be evaluated from India’s interest as well as</p>

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10.	Nayapatrika	Vernacular Daily	15	CA: The Expired Medicine	Ramchandra Chataut writes: The extended CA tenure which is just like an expired medicine is doing the same as the expired medicine does to the human being. (i.e. it creates further problems).