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| <b>News</b> |                      |                  |      |  |   |
| 1.          | Nepal Samacharpatra  | Vernacular Daily | 1    | Experts' Review on Preliminary Draft: Preamble too Dense   | Experts have said that the preambles of the thematic committee's reports are lengthy and full of rambling of words. The Commentary Notes on the Concept Papers and Preliminary Drafts of the Thematic Committees of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal published by the CA Secretariat, International IDEA and Nepal Law Society, it is the weakness of the paper to try to accommodate all things in the preamble.  |
| 2.          | The Kathmandu Post   | English Daily    | 4    | <a href="#">Address Youth Concerns in Statute: Experts</a> | At a time when a large section of the youth is leaving the country in pursuit of educational and career opportunities abroad, experts have said concerns of the young generation should be addressed by the new constitution. Proposals on youth issues presented for discussion by the thematic committees of the CA highlight the youths' rights to education and employment. As proposed, the government, besides making education free for the citizens, should adequately invest in sports as well as in science and technology. On youth involvement in politics, the report drafted by the CA committees requires an individual to attain 25 years of age to be elected a member of parliament, with the minimum age requirement being 35 years for the posts of the president and the vice-president. |
| 3.          | The Rising Nepal     | English Daily    | 1    | <a href="#">Break Deadlock at Earliest: Nembang</a>        | Chairman of the Constituent Assembly Subash Chandra Nembang Friday suggested that the political parties should break the ice to end the current political deadlock at the earliest possible. "Our political parties are always making their entry into  |

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|    |                    |               |     |  | the largest administrative hub of Singha Durbar to discuss the several issues of national interest so as to break the ice ball of current political imbroglio," chairman Nembang said. "At any cost and by the earliest time this ice ball should be broken down," he opined while speaking at a condolence ceremony organized to mark the 45th day in memory of late Jasuda Pradhan, a journalist and Managing-Editor of People's Review weekly.   |
| 4. | The Kathmandu Post | English Daily | 1&3 | <a href="#">UNMIN Has to Go, Says Army</a> | <p>The Nepal Army has asked the government not to extend the term of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN), which expires on Sept. 15. This is the first time the Army has taken an official position on UNMIN's term extension. Chief of Army Staff Chhatra Man Singh Gurung met Peace and Reconstruction Minister Rakam Chemjong on Friday and presented the Army's position on UNMIN. UNMIN, whose first year-long tenure started on Jan. 23, 2007, is currently serving its sixth term. Meanwhile, UNMIN Chief Karin Landgren on Friday urged the three major parties—UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress and CPN-UML—to take a unanimous decision on the future of UNMIN. She said the UN Security Council will look for a clear request from the government of Nepal based on consensus among the parties for the term extension beyond Sept. 15. In March, UNMIN had floated five options for its exit, including replacement of its monitoring role through domestic or a new international monitoring body.</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">UNMIN No Longer Needed, Landgren Disappointed</a></p> |

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| 5.   | Republica | English Daily | 3 | <a href="#">UML Politburo Meeting Today</a> | Top leaders of the CPN-UML remained busy Friday preparing a concept paper to suggest ways to forge consensus among the political parties for forming the new government, writing the new constitution and concluding the peace process. Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, Chairman Jhalanath Khanal, General Secretary Ishwar Pokharel and senior leader KP Sharma Oli, among others, were involved in preparing the concept paper. “The concept paper will basically suggest ways to conclude the peace process, manage the Maoist combatants and write the new constitution, besides suggesting ways find a way out of the present deadlock,” Bishnu Rimal, who was also involved in the preparing the paper, told Republica. The paper will be presented at the party’s politburo meeting for deliberations. The concept paper will then be endorsed by the UML Central Committee (CC) before the party will present it to other parties for discussion. |
| <b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b> |           |               |   |   |  |
| 6.   | Republica | English Daily | 6 | <a href="#">Deceitful Federation</a>        | Ashim Bhattarai writes:<br><br>There is no denying that the time has come for a fundamental shift of the power relations between “upper”-caste hill folks and the rest of the country but there is also no denying that the time is also ripe for a fundamental change of power relation between the   |

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|  |  |  |  |  | <p>state and its people. The idea of creating flexible boundaries will probably be opposed in earnest by leaders of various ethnic and national parties. That would not be surprising since they are the ones who will “lose” the most if such a system were put in place. A breakaway faction would result in the political leadership having to relinquish some political and economic power. It will perhaps even be opposed as trying to sabotage ethnic unity, a claim that rings hollow even upon cursory analysis. In the end, it is an inevitable fact of life that politicians will invariably resist empowering common citizens if it comes at a cost to their own power. But, at the end of the day, it will be those common citizens who have to weigh the pros and cons of different political systems and chart the course of this nation.</p> |
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