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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Constitutional Committee Meets to Discuss Way Ahead	<p>The Constitutional Committee (CC) held a meeting to discuss its future roadmap on Monday for the first time after the term extension of the Constituent Assembly (CA). During the three-hour meeting, CA members stressed the need for formulating a time-bound plan to prepare the first draft of the new constitution. They said consensus among the three major political parties was vital for drafting the new constitution within the extended period of one year. Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party lawmaker Hridayesh Tripathi said the CA had failed to come up with a constitution due to the politics of forming and toppling governments with a simple majority. He said a consensus government can help the writing of the constitution. Nepali Congress lawmaker Prakash Man Singh said the CA had failed to deliver as the Maoists had ignored various aspects of the peace process. The CC is responsible for preparing the first draft of the constitution but is yet to start the task since eight CA committees have yet to submit their reports.</p> <p>Nepal Samacharpatra: State Resources Misused by Calling a Meeting without Agenda, page 1</p>
2.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	1	Shun Power Politics: Fringe Parties to Big Three	<p>Smaller parties represented in the Constituent Assembly Monday urged the three major political parties—UCPN-Maoist, NC and CPN-UML—to concentrate their activities on the constitution writing process sacrificing their partisan interest and power politics. They urged the three parties in an all-party meeting organized by the Constitutional Committee (CC), the key</p>

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					committee of the Constituent Assembly to draft the new constitution. The new constitution could not be drafted even in the extended timeline of one year of the CA if the three major political parties stuck to their own interpretation of the three-point agreement and indulged in making and breaking the government.
3.	Republica	English Daily	2	Federalism Could Disintegrate the Country: Katwal	Former Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) Rookmangud Katawal said that federalism could push the country towards disintegration. Speaking at an interaction program organized in Washington DC on Sunday, Katawal claimed that political parties had failed to live up to the hopes and aspirations of Nepali people. Katawal argued that new constitution could not be promulgated even in next five years if the parties failed to forge consensus. He further added that federalism would not be economically viable and that this could precipitate the country into disintegration.
4.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	3	Fundamental Rights of Citizens Stressed	Members of civil society and human right activists of Baridya on Monday said that each and every person of the society could play a vital role in establishing peace and harmony from the local level. Speaking at discussion programme entitled, "Challenges in Political Consensus, Agreement and Peace Process", the participants urged the political parties to move ahead with the political consensus and agreement for taking the peace process to its logical conclusion. The programme was organized by Civil Society and Human Right and Environment Concerned Center of Bardiya.
5.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	We Can't Fix Combatants' Numbers: Dahal	Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal said on Monday that his party cannot fix the number of combatants to be integrated into state security agencies. He said the number would depend on the

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					wishes of the combatants residing in the UNMIN-monitored cantonments. "The government must ask the combatants about their wishes. The party cannot fix the integration numbers," said Dahal while returning to Dhulikhel from Helambu on Monday. He said the wishes of all those aspiring to join the Nepal Army (NA) should be fulfilled.
6.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	Gray Cloud Over Budget Session	The ongoing political stalemate has spelt uncertainty for the all important budget session of the Legislature Parliament where the government will have to present its annual policies and programmes and the budget for the year 2010-2011. Amid standoff between the ruling parties and the main opposition UCPN (Maoist), the government has cancelled its preparation for summoning the budget session on Tuesday afternoon. The prime minister's office has communicated to the parliament secretariat that a new date for the session will be fixed after consultations with political parties, said Speaker Subas Nembang.
7.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	Nepal Begins Parleys to Commence House	Following Maoist objection to the government's unilateral decision to prorogue the winter session of the parliament, Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal has begun consultation with the main opposition and other parties about early commencement of the parliament's budget session on consensus basis. The winter session was prorogued on Thursday amid the main opposition's boycott. The UCPN-M has been insisting on convening the budget session after consulting all the parties. Normally, the president calls the parliamentary session upon recommendation of the Prime Minister, who also makes prior consultation with the speaker. "The government will call the budget session after consulting all

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					the political parties. The PM has already begun the process,” Raghuj Pant, chief political adviser to the PM, told this daily. On Thursday, Speaker Subas Chandra Nembang told mediapersons that he had already advised the PM to convene the parliament’s summer session on June 8.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	6	Slogans of Women CA Members and Responsibility	Mamata Sharma Nepal writes: Unless we get rid of all forms of injustice against women, liberation for women holds no meaning. The new constitution must address this issue. The role of 33 percent women could be vital in bringing the parties to the table of consensus for drafting constitution.
9.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Need for Meaningful Debate	Gagan Thapa writes: Many of the differences seen between democratic constitution and people’s constitution are artificial and unrealistic. He has mentioned about the differences and similarities regarding the concept papers and preliminary drafts presented by NC and UCPN-M. The writer has also urged the parties to decide their destination rather than changing driver (power) and parts (peace process)
10.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	Agenda of Dalits of New Constitution	Chhabi Lal Biswokarma writes: Proportional representation of dalits must be ensured while determining the electoral system. Similarly, provision should be made in such a way that dalit community must be represented in

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					the judicial sectors as well as other sectors. If this could not be done, it would disrespect to the contributions made by Dalits for building new Nepal through the constituent assembly.
11.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	The Old Man and The Lake	<p>Anil Bhattarai writes:</p> <p>During a two-day conference in Kathmandu of representatives of 19 community managed conservation areas from across the country, besides this Tharu elder, I met others who told similar stories—that those who are in command over local resources are not willing to shed their control without the local people’s organized fight for their right to use and conserve local resources. The next time political leaders including self-defined revolutionaries talk about their agenda of restructuring the Nepali state, we have to ask how will, for instance, Badhaiya Tal of Bardia look like in their vision of a new state. In other words, we have to ask: Where is the substance in their talk? The time for rhetoric-mongering is over.</p>
12.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	Reach Consensus (Editorial)	<p>The resignation of the Prime Minister alone is not a solution to the nation’s malady at present and even a consensus government would not be able to address the burning issues unless agreement was reached on the three-point deal and other agreements and they were implemented. In any case, a calendar should be adopted to reach consensus on various contentious issues. There should be at least 15 days allocated for holding discussions on the budget after which the budget would be tabled. This would allow thorough discussions of the government’s policies and programmes on setting priorities in the budget. This is an important exercise and all the political parties should realize this,</p>

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					that there should be no hindrances to the proceedings in the Legislature-Parliament in the larger interest of the country.
13.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	Consensus: Accommodation or Appeasement?	Professor Birendra Prasad Mishra writes: It can, therefore, be concluded that the politics of Nepal was either guided by majority decision or by accommodation and hardly by consensus. Regretfully, whatever political consensus there was, it was given up with the adoption of mixed electoral system in the interim constitution providing for direct election for 240 seats.
14.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	7	Consensual or Majority System	Deepak Krishna Shrestha writes: Whether it be the formation of the government or the functioning, it would be the most appropriate to establish consensual system. However, adopting majority system would be an essential condition in democracy if consensus could not be reached.