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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Statute Drafting Should Complete On Time: Nembang</a>	Chairman of Constituent Assembly Subhash Nembang on Thursday said that the constitution drafting process should be completed much before the end of the one year of added tenure of the CA. Releasing a book entitled, "GLOBALISING JUSTICE: Deficiencies in the Quest and Discontents of World Development", co-authored by Ahmed Jehani and Kishor Uprety, Nembang said that political parties must work by preparing a work schedule for completing the constitution much before the end of the one-year term. Nembang alleged that the night of 28th May was a historic day for Nepali politics' because it was the day when the three major political parties inked a three point understanding. Before reaching the understanding, the constitution drafting process had been obstructed for long, he added.
2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	<a href="#">Consensus Key to Solution: Experts</a>	Constitutional experts have stressed the need of forging consensus on basic constitutional principles to overcome the present deadlock over the constitution-writing. At an interaction organized by Centre for Constitutional Dialogue (CCD) here on Thursday, legal experts said that a systematic and organised approach in needed to write the remaining parts of the new constitution. "The remaining 20 percent of the statute can be written if the Constitution Assembly (CA) makes a schedule to resolve the differences on time," said senior advocate Badri

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					<p>Bahadur Karki. Experts also pointed out the chances of foreign interference and conflict if the constitution is not written within the extended deadline. "There are 18 issues to be resolved at present, but no effort has been initiated for a political dialogue," said columnist Bishnu Pukar Shrestha. Lawmakers Kamala Panta, Kalyani Rijal and members of civil society were present at the function.</p>
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	1	Dahal Would Lead the Government	<p>UCPN (Maoists) has put forward the name of party Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal to lead the proposed national consensus government. A meeting of the party office bearers held on Thursday asserted that no alternatives other than Dahal would be acceptable for the prime ministerial post in the to-be formed national consensus government. The main opposition Maoist took the decision to this effect at the time when the other parties including the Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML have been talk about Maoist Vice Chairman Baburam Bhattarai as the alternative to Dahal. "Earlier, we said the alternative to Dahal could be discussed if the other parties pick up haggle over his leadership," said Maoist Vice Chairman Narayan Kaji Shrestha, talking to reporters after the meeting. He added, "But we have not given up our claim on government leadership. Chairman Dahal will take the government leadership and there is not debate about it within the party."</p> <p>Meanwhile, the major coalition ally Nepali Congress (NC) on Thursday concluded that the formation of national consensus</p>

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					<p>government under the leadership of UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' would not be acceptable to the party.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: <a href="#">Dahal Unacceptable as the Next PM</a>, page 3</p> <p>Republica: <a href="#">Maoists Flip-Flop on Party PM Candidate</a>, page 1</p> <p>Nagarik: <a href="#">No Alternative to Dahal</a>, page 1</p> <p><a href="#">The Boundary of Consensus Shrunked: NC</a>, page 1</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">UCPN-Maoist Throws Its Weight Behind Prachanda</a>: Page 5</p> <p>Annapurna Post: Maoists Back Prachanda to Lead the New Government</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: <a href="#">Prachanda Will Lead Consensus Government, UCPN-M</a></p>
4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	5	<a href="#">Single Madhesh Opposed</a>	<p>While many Tarai-based parties have been calling for the declaration of Madhesh as a single province, Nepal Sadbhavana Party (Anandidevi) made it clear today that a single Madhesh province will not be acceptable. Party chairman Shyam Sundar Gupta, addressing a gathering of party cadres in Kalaiya, said, "The idea of turning Madhesh into a single province is flawed."</p>

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					Gupta went on to add that his party was in favour of carving out five states, including two in the Madhesh. The Sadbhavana chairman also found time to urge the UCPN-Maoist to transform into a civilian party, saying that his party will not support a Maoist-led government unless that transformation happens.
5.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	<a href="#">Supreme Court Fiat to Address Dalits' Concern</a>	The Supreme Court today directed the government to constitute a special committee to find in what context the words chhota and bada are used in the preamble of the Country's Code (Muluki Ain). A three-member full bench of Chief Justice Ram Prasad Shrestha, Justices Prem Sharma and Bharat Raj Upreti issued the directive in response to a two-year-old public interest litigation. The Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Ministry of Law and Justice, the Ministry of Federal Affairs, Constituent Assembly and the National Dalit Commission were given a year to come at a conclusion after conducting a substantial study. The preamble states that promulgation of the code was required to provide justice to all chhota and bada equally, as the holy books "were not sufficient to do so." Dalit advocate Ratna Bahadur Bagchand, who is now appellate court judge, had stated in the PIL that use of words chhota and bada in the preamble code violated the spirit of the interim constitution that has abolished caste based discrimination. He claimed that such words were nothing but a stigma on the lower caste people.
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	<a href="#">Uncertain Future of the CA</a>	Dr. Narayan Khadka writes:  The ideologies, strategies, dignity, and norms and values of the parties are very much linked to the issues of peace and

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					<p>constitution writing. Therefore, reaching consensus on these matters in an easy manner is very difficult. As a result the Maoists, who wish to use the burgoiese parliament and the CA as a temporary strategy, have raised the issue of power as a strategy. Thus, the chance of the Maoists giving up the issues of peace and constitution writing seems very deem. Through this the future of the CA can easily be projected.</p>
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	<p><a href="#">Limits of Formalization</a></p>	<p>Mahendra Lawoti writes:</p> <p>Some Dalits have bemoaned that federalism may not address their problems. What they forget is that a federal model that weakens the dominance of the CHHE would also weaken the basis of the caste system and untouchability. If the caste hill Hindu elite (CHHE) continues to dominate the regions in addition to the centre, their worldviews, values and culture that is the basis of untouchability will continue to influence public policies. Hence, models that weaken CHHE domination will indirectly benefit the Dalits. The Dalit interest can be further served by non-territorial federalism, which will not only give Dalits the right to decide on Dalit issues, it will also facilitate their mobilization that will increase pressure for societal reforms, which have mostly come after the discriminated groups have mobilized. This discussion has made it clear that during the design of formal institutions, how they may interact with other factors in a broad environment to produce varied outcomes should be taken into account. Otherwise, the constitution may have “good” looking articles that are ineffective in practice or produce undesirable outcomes.</p>

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8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	Be Aware 601! You Must Answer the People	<p>Arjun Rai writes:</p> <p>The parties must give up the game for power and become proactive in building an environment of consensus. Only this will contribute to taking the peace process to a logical end and writing the constitution. There is no alternative to consensus. If this could not happen, the people would not only boycott these parties who have failed to accomplish the tasks shouldered on them, but they would also have to answer the people.</p>
9.	Nepali Times	English Weekly	3	Losing Ground	<p>Prashant Jha writes:</p> <p>The absence of Madhesi leaders in negotiations (on 28 May) that would determine the future of the country was striking. It was symbolic of the steady erosion of Madhesi political strength. Madhesh leaders have no one to blame but themselves for their lack of role.</p>
10.	Nepali Times	English Weekly	15	So Far, So Ok	<p>Dhurba Simkhada writes:</p> <p>The CA got some important things done, but the most heated battles are yet to come. The following tasks were completed in two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of Republic</li> <li>• Election of a president and vice-president</li> <li>• Formation of 14 committees</li> <li>• First collection of public opinion on the new constitution</li> <li>• Preparation of the preliminary draft by the thematic</li> </ul>

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