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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1	<u>Speakers Starts Consultations</u>	Following the difficulty arisen to prepare the CA calendar due to delay in the formation of the State Restructuring Commission, CA Chair Subash Nembang has begun consultations with the political parties. He met with NC's Acting President Sushil Koirala and is planning to meeting CPN-UML Chair today.
2.	Nepal Samacharpatra	Vernacular Daily	1	CA Members Become Jobless	CA members have become jobless as the constitution writing process fails to move ahead. CA Chairman Subash Nembang is now in a mood to ask the leaders about whether or not their priority is constitution writing. The CA members have also started seeking their roles. They say this situation would lead to doubts about constitution writing within extended tenure
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	<u>Speaker Initiates Talks for Outlet</u>	Speaker Subas Nembang on Sunday urged Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal to call the budget session by forging consensus among the political parties. Concerned about the delay in calling the budget session to discuss the government's policies and programmes, Nembang went to the prime minister's residence in Baluwatar to urge him to do the needful. "I urged the prime minister to implement the three-point agreement signed on May 28, forge consensus and call the budget session," Nembang said. According to Nembang, the Prime Minister is positive on holding "pre-budget discussions" on the annual policies and programmes. "He is serious about the issue and he assured me a way out after holding consultations with other parties," Nembang added.

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					The Kathmandu Post: Speaker Urges PM to Call Budget Session , page 1 <i>[This news is published by all most all national dailies]</i>
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	4	CA Just May Bite Dust Again: Rana	Constitution-drafting may not be complete even within the extended tenure of the Constituent Assembly, said Rastriya Prajatantra Party Chairman Pashupati Shumsher Rana. If the present political deadlock continues, then the country will not get the new constitution, he said speaking at a gathering of activists of his party and Rastriya Janashakti Party in Biratnagar on Sunday. The three major parties -- UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress and CPN-UML -- have pushed the country into trouble, he charged. The main parties are trying to sideline the fringe parties, Rana claimed. "The small parties will launch protests against them." In another context, he said the main cause of the present political imbroglio is the integration and rehabilitation of the cantoned Maoist army fighters.
5.	Republica	English Daily	1	Dahal Complains of Betrayal	Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal said on Sunday that the ruling Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML betrayed his party by not implementing the midnight deal reached just before the extension of the Constituent Assembly (CA) term on May 28. "There was a gentleman's agreement, along with the three-point deal signed minutes before the CA extension deadline, that the prime minister would step down unconditionally within five days. But 15 days have passed since then. The ruling parties lied to us," Dahal said during an interaction with industrialists in the capital.
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	CA's Status is Like a Nominated Body	President of RPP-Nepal Kamal Thapa has said that the current status of the CA is nothing more than that of a nominated body.

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Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	Republica	English Daily	6	The Verbal Contract	Khadga Prasad Oli, the conspirator who decided the final wording of the three-point agreement that extended the life of CA by a year, knew very well what Sam Goldwin had said once: “A verbal contract isn’t worth the paper it is written on.” It’s not just UML and NC, even Madhes-based parties are fast losing ground as they fragment and make unsavory deals with the invisible ruling clique. Armed groups operating from across the border were filling the political vacuum, but the Indian administration has tightened the screw over them to shore up the image of shaky coalition in Kathmandu. Manipulators in the capital city probably think that the hoi polloi in the hinterland are unaware of their shenanigans. But people are watching and have begun to look toward Maoists as the later adroitly play the part of being innocent victims of Indian machinations.
8.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	8	Simmering Politics : Deadlock is on	Binod Bhattarai writes: Immediately after the May 28 deadline was extended, the chair of the Constituent Assembly said perhaps a year would not be needed for preparing a constitution since much of the work has been done. (The word is that 80 per cent of the issues have been resolved.) However, the remaining 20 per cent is what is most contentious, and this is where a political settlement is needed. The timeframe being discussed is 7-11 months, and that too is contingent on being able to first have the still elusive political

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					<p>consensus. The time frame would be subject to agreement of all the political parties and, therefore, it might be an opportunity to include an extra clause prior to its approval.</p> <p>Since it is now difficult to predict how long the remaining 20 percent of the constitution would take to be finalized, parliament should consider adding a “no-cost extension” clause to all delays there may be in the future, and also make it effective for the period from May 2010 to May 2011. This could perhaps work as an incentive to get things done within the CA and also give citizens the peace of mind because they are not paying for the political non-performance.</p>
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