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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
<b>News</b>					
1.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	4	Fourteen Parties' Plea	<p>Holding the three major parties accountable for the delay in the constitution-making process, 14 fringe parties have decided to press Constituent Assembly (CA) Chairman Subas Chandra Nembang for intervention. At a meeting held on Monday, the 14 parties decided to request the CA chair to begin discussion on contentious issues among the 25 parties represented in the CA. They concluded that the three parties' failure to implement the three-point agreement had the peace and constitution making processes disrupted. The next meeting of 22 fringe parties will be held on Wednesday 1 pm at the parliamentary party office of Madheshi Janadhikar Forum-Democratic. Parties, including MJF-D, MJF-Nepal, Nepal Sadbhavana Party (NSP), NSP – Anandidevi, CPN-United, Rastriya Janamorcha, Chure Bhawar Rastriya Ekata Party and Rastriya Janashakti Party attended today's meeting, which was chaired by Samajbadi Prajatantrik Janata Party leader Prem Bahadur Singh.</p> <p>Gorkhapatra: <a href="#">Fourteen Parties' Request</a>, pages 1&amp;4                      The Rising Nepal: <a href="#">'Nation Hostage of Indecision'</a>, pages 1&amp;6                      The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">Fringe Parties Send SOS to CA Chairman</a>, page 5                      Republica: <a href="#">14 Parties Demand PP Leaders' Meet</a>, pages 1&amp;3</p>
2.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	4	Talks From Tomorrow: Nembang	<p>Chairman of the CA Subash Nembang has said that the three point agreement reached between the political parties on 28 May could not be implemented due to the lack of consensus among</p>

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					the political parties on the issues of army integration and rehabilitation. At a workshop organized by ACORAB (Association of Community Radio Broadcasters), he said that a meeting of the three parties has been called for Wednesday in an effort to bring parties closer to consensus to pave ways for constitution writing within the extended tenure.
3.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Confusion in the UCPN-M: Who is Claimant? Prachanda or Baburam	<p>Maoist politburo members speaking today demanded that the party clarify who would become the next prime minister — either Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal ‘Prachanda’ or Vice Chairman Dr Baburam Bhattarai. According to a politburo member, the leaders also urged the party to be clear about the party's future course. UCPN-M Spokesperson Dinanath Sharma said the party should centralise the leadership in terms of ideology. “The understanding, plan and programmes must be uniform,” he quoted the politburo members as saying. Those who spoke today included Hitman Shakya, Pampha Bhushal, Haribol Gajurel, Agni Sapkota, Lokendra Bista, Nabaraj Subedi and Dharmendra Bastola. Sharma said the chairman would respond to politburo members’ views. After that the members can comment on his presentation, he said, adding that the chairman would then come up with a work-plan to bring uniformity in ideology, plan and programmes of the party. Citing the party chairman's busy schedule, the politburo meeting that began last Tuesday was cut short today. According to Chairman Prachanda, the meeting would come up with a strategy to end the ongoing political deadlock.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: <a href="#">Call to Pick Candidate for PM</a>, page 5</p>

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4.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	1	<a href="#">NC Speeds Up Parleys for Leading the New Government</a>	<p>Nepali Congress Monday initiated separate dialogues with different political parties. It held dialogues with the main opposition UCPN-Maoist and CPN-ML on Monday. The central committee meeting of the party held on Saturday decided to initiate dialogues with other parties to forge national consensus. However, the NC and UCPN-Maoist leaders failed to reach any agreement in the talks as the Maoist leaders stuck to their previous stance that the prime minister should step down for the implementation of the agreement reached on May 28. Nepali Congress also reiterated its stance that the agreements should be made in a package.</p> <p>The Rising Nepal: <a href="#">NC Starts Talks With Parties</a>, pages 1&amp;6</p>
5.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	2	Deuba's Meeting With His Close Allies	<p>The decision of the Nepali Congress (NC) to pick a new prime ministerial candidate from among two strong contenders - Parliamentary Party leader Ram Chandra Poudel and senior leader Sher Bahadur Deuba - is likely to push the party towards fresh polarization. NC lawmakers and Central Working Committee (CWC) members close to Deuba on Monday organized a meeting at the residence of party lawmaker Chakra Bahadur Thakuri at Jorpati to discuss strategies that the Deuba faction should take up to secure Deuba as the new prime minister from the party. NC sources claimed the 'lunch-meeting' organized a day after Acting President Sushil Koirala hinted that he would not support Deuba as new prime ministerial candidate was undermined after Koirala himself asked Deuba not to make such a move. "Neither will this help you nor will it help the party," the source quoted Koirala as saying. "Do stop this kind of</p>

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					<p>activity.” Koirala reportedly asked Deuba over the phone not to believe in media reports and assured that the prime ministerial candidate would be picked by consensus in the party. NC sources said following the assurances, senior leaders Deuba and Gopal Man Shrestha chose to skip the ‘lunch meeting’.</p> <p><i>This news is published by most of the national dailies</i></p>
<b>Opinions, Editorials and Interviews</b>					
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Will the Constitution be Written at all?	<p>Tikaram Bhattari writes:</p> <p>The constitution could not be written within two years because the CA became the platform for the conflict between the Maoists and non-Maoist parties.</p>

**CARTOON COMPILATION**

**1. Kantipur, Page 6**

This sketch was included in the article on “Will the Constitution be Written” by Tikaram Bhattarai :

