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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	CA to Resume its Work	After 24 days of the extension of CA tenure, leaders are discussing the constitution writing for the first time on Wednesday. CA Chair Subash Nembang has called a meeting of three major parties to discuss the resuming of the constitution writing process.
2.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	Fringe Parties Preparing for Stir	Accusing that three major parties have failed to take seriously the peace process and constitution writing, 22 fringe parties of the CA are preparing for a fresh stir. They have called a meeting at Singh Durbar on Wednesday to discuss the modalities of the stir.
3.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	1	UCPN-M to Obstruct Parliament If No Resignation	<p>Top UCPN (Maoist) leaders have ruled out any possibility of reaching fresh agreement with the ruling political parties unless the prime minister steps down as per the three-point agreement signed on May 28. The Maoist leaders refused to budge from their precondition in a meeting with leaders from the ruling CPN-UML Maoist chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal's residence in Nayabazaar Tuesday morning. The Maoists also reiterated that they would obstruct the parliamentary business until the prime minister does not tender his resignation. "We will not allow parliament to hold meetings until the agreement is implemented," he added. The government is making final preparation to call the budget session within a few days.</p> <p>Republica: No Resignation, No Deal: Maoists , page 1</p>

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4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	1	UCPN-M, UML Agree to Abide by May 28 Pact	<p>Top leaders of the CPN-UML the Unified CPN-Maoist today agreed to implement the three-point pact signed on May 28 to end the protracted political deadlock. The two parties have agreed in principle on politics of consensus instead of the majoritarian system while forming the proposed national government. “We have agreed to forge consensus,” Maoist Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal said following the meeting held at his Nayabazar residence. Talking to media persons following the meeting, UML Chairman Jhalanath Khanal said the leaders of both the parties were positive and have agreed to implement the three-point pact. Khanal added that the two parties also dwelt on forming national consensus government during the meeting.</p> <p>The Kathmandu Post: Maoists, UML One on New Government, page 3</p>
5.	Thehimalayantimes.com	English Online	NA	NC. MJF Discuss May 28 Deal	<p>The second largest party in the Constituent Assembly (CA) Nepali Congress (NC) on Tuesday held consultation with the Madheshi Janadhikar Forum (MJF) about the implementation of May 28 deal among other issues. “We, both the parties, don’t have much difference regarding the advancement of ongoing peace process and constitution writing,” NC vice president and parliamentary party leader Ram Chandra Poudel, after the meeting held in Singha Durbar. Poudel and general secretary Bimalendra Nidhi</p>

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					from the NC and chairman Upendra Yadav and joint chairman Jay Prakash Prasad Gupta among other leaders took part in the meeting.
6.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	Deadlock Concerns Diplomats	At a time when the major political parties have locked horns over the implementation of the May-28 agreement, representatives of the diplomatic missions on Tuesday met Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal and other top political leaders to take stock of the latest political developments. Ambassadors from China, the UK and Japan's Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) discussed with the prime minister and other senior leaders separately on some crucial issues. Tadashi Fujiwara, DCM at the Japanese Embassy called on Prime Minister Nepal and discussed about Nepal-Japan friendship and issues of bilateral interests, said Nepal's press advisor Bishnu Rijal. The prime minister informed the envoy of his efforts to forge consensus among the parties to draft the new constitution within the extended deadline, according to Rijal. The Japanese diplomat expressed his commitment to continue supporting the government and political parties to conclude the peace process and statute drafting. Expressing his confidence that Nepal would head toward political stability and economic prosperity after promulgation of the new constitution, Fujiwara assured Nepal of more active support in the future.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
7.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	7	Women CA Members Without	Bina Sinha writes:

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				Roles	The role of women CA members have not been substantive in the CA. They were never involved in any high level talks. They were being asked to sign the decisions made by the men. The kin of the leaders are in politics in the name of women CA members. Let's hope that the women made efforts to pressure their male counterparts for writing constitution within extended tenure. Let's wish that they would be able to incorporate women's agenda in the new constitution.
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