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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	2	Constitution Meaningless without Constitution	Participants at a program on federalism organized in Palpa have said that the constitution will have no meaning without the federalism. At a three-day workshop organized by the Centre for Constitutional Dialogue experts on political science Krishna Khanal and Krishna Hachhethu said that the country without federalism the country would be a failed state.
2.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	4	No Alternative to Consensus: Nembang	<p>Constituent Assembly (CA) Chairman Subash Nembang on Saturday urged political parties to implement the three-point accord reached between the UCPN-M, NC and the CPN-UML to prepare a ground to lead the constitution-drafting and peace processes to conclusion. While inaugurating a function organised to mark the 22nd anniversary of Sanepa Health Organisation, Nembang said there was no alternative to working together to resolve the problems facing the country. The country is in no position to bear political deadlock any longer, he said.</p> <p>Nagarik: CA Chair for Consensus, page 2 The Rising Nepal: Nembang Urges Parties to Implement Three-Point Accord, page1</p>
3.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	1&4	No Constitution if Continue to Struggle for Power	Chair of the Constitutional Committee Nilamber Acharya has said that the writing of the constitution and institutionalization of the achievements the popular movement- II would not take place until the relationship between the three parties is improved. Speaking at a program he said that all 25 parties of the CA

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					should review their activities of the past two years to ensure that the constitution writing is accomplished within extended tenure. He claimed that if the current struggle for power continues the constitution would not be written in a year.
4.	Gorkhapatra	Vernacular Daily	13	People's Pressure a Must for Constitution Writing	At an interaction program organized in Butwal, the speakers stressed the need for exerting pressure from the people for timely promulgation of the new constitution. The speakers at the program organized by CPN-Unified Abadh-Bhojpura- Provincial committee said that the pressure from people is needed to divert leaders' attention from power game to constitution writing.+
5.	Republica	English Daily	2	Three-Party Meet Today	Amid continuing political deadlock even after the three-point deal reached on May 28, the big three parties - UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML -- have agreed to hold talks on Sunday in a bid to expedite the constitution drafting process. The talk is a continuation of the meeting that was called by Constituent Assembly (CA) Chairman Subas Nembang on June 23. Nembang had called the meeting among the big three parties on June 23 to expedite constitution drafting process.
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	3	Consensus Government for 10 Months: Yadav	Chairman of Madhesi Janadhikar Forum, Upendra Yadav has said that his party was making efforts for the formation of a consensual government. At a press meet in Biratnagar on Saturday, he said it may take a week and half for the formation of a consensus government. He was of the view that a consensual government should be formed at least for 10-months for constitution writing and taking peace process to a logical end.
7.	The Himalayan	English Daily	1	Maoists for Separate Force Comprising	Chairperson of Unified CPN-Maoist Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' today said the party has decided that forming a

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	Times			PLA	<p>separate force of the People's Liberation Army and giving it special responsibility would be the best alternative for resolving the issue of army integration. "The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the Interim Constitution both recognise the two armies on equal footing, but the parties have been coming up with views that are against the spirit of the CPA," he told reporters at a press conference to make public the decision of the 12-day-long UCPN-M politburo meeting that concluded on Friday. He said the politburo had cleared all confusion over the modality and that all UNMIN verified combatants were eligible for integration. He added that determining the number of combatants for integration was against the spirit of the CPA. Citing international practice on integration of rebel armies, Prachanda said the standard set by the security forces for new recruitment would not be applicable to combatants to be integrated and that a different standard would be set for bulk integration. The party has also decided to take both the processes of army integration and constitution drafting simultaneously</p>
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
8.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	Democratic Stability and New Constitution	<p>Professor Lok Raj Baral writes:</p> <p>Though constitution writing is the main task, foundations required for protecting constitution such as developing political culture, writing constitution and democratic stability are also very important objectives for now. All political parties much come up with common programmes on political culture, inclusive and quality education, democratization of each and every body of the government, programmes targeted at fulfilling</p>

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					the basic needs of the people and their effective implementation and clear and consolidated foreign policy. Therefore, neither the democracy could be sustained in the absence of political understanding nor the solutions could be sought to the grave problems facing the nation.
9.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	Constitutional Discursive Process Maoists Lead the Pack	<p>Mukti Rijal writes:</p> <p>The participatory methodology allows the people not only to have a say over the provisions but also set the vision for the new constitution itself. However for this to occur and enable citizens to set agenda, participation needs to be so managed and facilitated that it is broad based , inclusive and comprehensive. The participatory methodology is solely intended to impart authorship of the constitution to the people who ultimately are the repository of the sovereign authority of the state. This lends ownership to the people and vests legitimacy in the state power to enforce and ensure compliance of the constitutional provision. Consent of the people can be secured through participation which is the basis of democratic rule and governance. Like the Maoists, other parties should come concrete on constitutional issues and let the people know about their position so that real deliberation and contestation can be enhanced. This will accelerate the process of constitution writing and get completed within the borrowed or the extended time limit.</p>
10.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	4	Politics in a Fix	<p>Ritu Raj Subedi writes:</p> <p>The CA chair must have been confused by the stances of the big parties. How are the CA issues linked with the PM's resignation?</p>

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