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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	1&6	22 Fringe Parties in CA to Press Big-3 for Consensus	In a bid to strike national consensus and exert pressure on three major parties for the same so that peace and constitution writing process move ahead unobstructed, the 22 small parties represented in the CA Tuesday held an all party meeting at the CA building. Differences over ways to reach the consensus, however, persisted as the ruling CPN-UML and NC insisted on implementation of the first point of 3-point deal of May 28 prior to the resignation of the Prime Minister while the main opposition UCPN-M stressed on resignation of the PM as per the third point of the agreement.
2.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	TRC Bill Not Free From Flaws: Rights Defenders	Members of the Constituent Assembly (CA), human rights defenders and social workers on Tuesday expressed dissatisfaction over some aspects of the bill prepared by the government to establish Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which is under consideration at the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction (MoPR). They said the bill continues to remain seriously “flawed” despite several corrections and modifications. Once established, the TRC will have a mandate to investigate serious human rights crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the conflict period— from Feb. 13, 1996 to Nov. 21 2006. “The bill is ineffective to address the wartime rights violations, particularly violence against women, rape and torture and the proposed method of appointing TRC members does not meet the international standards,” said advocate Mira Dhungana at an interaction organized by Forum of Women, Law

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					and Development (FWLD) in the Capital.
3.	The Rising Nepal	English Daily	1&6	Women Activists Voice for Amendment in Bill	CA members, women activists and human rights activists Tuesday stressed on the need for amendment I the bill of Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address the issues of women and children. At a discussion programme entitled “Bill of Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Issue of Women’s Concern” the participants expressed that the commission should prepare women and children friendly bill and most show genuine concern about their issues.
4.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	1	Pressure for Deciding Leader of the Next Government	Pressure is piling on major three parties from the other parties in the Constituent Assembly (CA) to reach a deal but the main opposition, the Unified CPN-Maoist and ruling partners — Nepali Congress and CPN UML — are yet to sort out which point of the three-point deal to implement first. All the parties — except the UCPN-M, NC and UML — today held a meeting at the CA building to exert pressure on the three parties. They asked the Big Three to find a way out to the present political stalemate and not to continue taking the country ‘hostage’. “We urged the three major parties to implement the first and third points of the three-point agreement simultaneously,” said Dr Prakash Chandra Lohani, leader of Rastriya Janashakti Party. However, Maoist, NC and UML leaders are at loggerheads. They have not been able to find a common ground on which point of the May 28 deal should be addressed first. <i>This news is carried by major dailies</i>
5.	The Kathmandu	English Daily	3	Janamorcha Whets Anti-Federalism	In a bid to acquaint the public with the drawbacks of the right to self-determination, federalism and other burning issues, Rastriya

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	Post			Drive	Janamorcha Nepal (RJN) is organizing a week-long nationwide awareness programme within mid-June. RJN has been arguing that federalism is inappropriate for Nepal as it might fuel “conflict based on ethnicity and region”. In a statement on Tuesday, Janamorcha Chairman Chitra Bahadur KC said the programme will educate the people why federalism, right to self-determination, “One Madhesh One Pradesh”, multi-state federalism and provinces based on ethnicity or nationality should be rejected and not incorporated in the new constitution. The campaign, he said, will also focus on the formation of a new government through consensus among political parties on a majority basis.
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
6.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	People’s Representatives: Sovereign or Prisoner of the Parties	Uday GM writes: The CA was merely the followers of the parties’ orders. When the parties’ asked to stand up it did it and when they asked to sit down they followed that. The parties’ intervened in the CA. The parties made it a puppet. It became a platform for the leaders to satisfy their individual interests.
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	Voices from the Powwowl	Erisha Suwal writes: Knowledge production will not only contribute towards building a common Dalit identity, it will also contribute to making knowledge-based or evidence-based policies on social justice for Dalits. Knowledge-based policies will, hopefully, take into account ground realities unlike, for example, the current

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					<p>government's policy of providing monetary compensation for inter-caste marriage. Furthermore, knowledge production will help non-Dalits understand the oppressed conditions of Dalits. Dr. Vivek Kumar, a sociologist at Jawaharlal Nehru University, said, "You don't have to burn your finger to feel the pain." He added that it was the first time that the Dalit community had been dissected at such depth at an international conference, and so events with a similar purpose should be organized more frequently. If the Dalit community wants to mobilize itself effectively, it needs to build a common identity; and in order to build a common identity, efforts to produce subaltern knowledge, in this case, on all the subgroups within the Dalits, need to be intensified. Despite complaints that only researchers and organizers of such conferences benefit from donor funding, a conference such as this is extremely important if the Dalit movement wants to keep up with the changing landscape of Nepali politics and be better prepared for the future.</p>
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