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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Rajdhani	Vernacular Daily	1	New Schedule on 18th July	The CA will make the new schedule of the extended one year term on Sunday. CA Chair, Subash Nembang, announced that a 9-month schedule will be made public on Sunday. The three-major political parties finalized a new schedule for Constitution drafting and fixed April 13, 2011 as the deadline for the promulgation of a new Constitution. -Sunday's CA session to endorse schedule -State Restructuring Commission to be formed on July 22 -17 parties condemn three parties 'monopoly'
2.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	17 Parties Condemn Against SRC	The 17 political parties representing in the CA condemned over the decision of the formation of SRC without any consultation with the other political parties. They expressed dissatisfaction over the mentality of thinking on national consensus as the consensus between only three parties.
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	2	Demand for 33% Representation of Women in New Cabinet	The women caucus in the parliament has demanded that the new cabinet to be formed should be comprised of 33 per cent women. They said fair representation of women is crucial in drafting constitution.
4.	The Himalayan Times	English Daily	6	Three Parties Make Deal for Peace, Constitution	The three big parties reached an agreement on the formation of the Constitutional State Restructuring Commission and promulgation of the Constitution. They agreed to have the constitution promulgated by April 13 and seven-member SRC

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					will begin its work from July 31. The new PM will announce the Commission which will have to complete its task within two months.
Editorials/ Opinions/ Interviews					
5.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	When the State Restructuring Commission Does not get Final Shape (Opinion)	Professor Ganeshman Gurung says the parties should establish a new tradition of speaking in one voice on the issues of nationalism and issues of common concern. The political parties are competing to propose and endorse their own format of state restructuring. Time is running out so they should build consensus on state restructuring with nationalism in focus.
6.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	6	Chance for Maoists (Editorial)	Two weeks after prime minister's resignation, the Maoists must have realized now that they cannot even manage a majority for government, let alone consensus. But many people agree that peace and constitution can be realized through a Maoist-led consensus government. The Maoists thus have some good chances if they honestly guide themselves towards consensus.
7.	Janadisha	Vernacular Daily	4	Common Duty of those Wanting Change (Editorial)	The NC and UML are worried about how to give continuity to the old dirty parliamentary tradition rather than completing peace and constitution making process. This is a matter to worry about for the people wanting change. There is no alternative to create a storm of struggle against the forces trying to snatch the agendas of the people.
8.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	7	It will be Unfortunate if the Government is not Based on Consensus (Opinion)	Professor Lokraj Baral says the claim by the UCPN (Maoist) for government leadership should be regarded as natural by virtue of the party being the largest in the parliament and that Nepali Congress has president, Madhesi Janadhikar Forum has vice president and CPN-UML has CA chair. The policy of isolating

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					the Maoists does not help build consensus.
9.	Nagarik	Vernacular Daily	6	What Parties Need to Bear in Mind (Opinion)	Dr. Bhimarjun Acharya says the parties should well understand that their fight for claiming government chair will not make constitution-writing possible and if constitution is ever written then promulgation will not be possible and if constitution is promulgated it will not be implemented and if implemented it will not be lasting.
10.	Annapurna Post	English Daily	6	Whose Turn Now to Become Puppet? (Opinion)	Senior journalist, Yubaraj Ghimire, says compromise for power will further weaken the leaders, leadership and the government. Following the fight for division of spoils among the parties in the recent past, the three claimants of prime minister from the big three parties and Speaker Subas Nembang have become subjects of hatred for the people.
11.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	The Way to Do it (Opinion)	Khagendra N. Sharma writes that the country has been pledged a federal structure which is irreversible but the main political parties have stayed far away from an agreeable solution. Demands have been emerging for the creation of federal units mainly on the basis of geography, ethnicity and linguistic differentiation. In this context, it may be worthwhile to initiate a debate on the various prospects and practical limitations of creating a viable federal structure.
12.	Nepali Times	English Weekly	3	Muddy Waters (Opinion)	Prashant Jha writes that for a constitution, with the kind of provinces they want, the Maoists are natural allies, but in the 'battle for democracy', they prefer the NC-UML combined. Efforts at a unity government have failed because the parties could not address these internal questions. In all likelihood, we

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					will witness a major political crisis in about six months. It is only when the next May 28 deadline approaches that all the parties especially the Maoists, will be forced to make these choices.
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