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SN	Newspaper/ Online	Type	Page	Title	Synopsis
News					
1.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	3	New Calendar for Constitution Writing	<p>The Constituent Assembly (CA) has endorsed its new calendar of events with the provision of promulgating the new constitution by April 13, 2011. The new time plan for statute drafting was fixed after Sunday's CA session unanimously passed the 11th amendment to the calendar of events. The first draft of the new constitution will be prepared by the Constitutional Committee (CC) by Nov. 16, states the new schedule. The constitution-drafting process has been stagnated due to disputes among the parties over the concept papers prepared by eight of the 11 thematic committees of the CA. The CA has so far forwarded the reports of three thematic committees to the CC to prepare the first draft of the constitution. The schedule approved on Sunday states that the reports of the remaining eight committees would be submitted to the CC by Oct. 17. Meanwhile, CA Chairman Subas Nembang unveiled a white paper at Sunday's CA session outlining the causes behind the failure to promulgate the new constitution within the May 28 deadline. Nembang maintained that the causes behind the deadlock in constitution drafting include political connection" made between constitution drafting and the integration and rehabilitation of the Maoist combatants, stagnation in the peace process and unstable relationship among major political parties.</p> <p>Timeline: Thematic Panels' Reports to CC by 17 October</p>

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					<p>First Draft of the Statute by 16 November Constitution by 13 April, 2011 The Kathmandu Post: CA Okays New Calendar of Events, page 3 The Himalayan Times: CA's New Calendar Okayed, page 1 Annapurna Post: New Calendar Okayed, page 1 Republica: CA Calendar Amended, page 1 Gorkhapatra: New Calendar for Constitution Promulgation, page 1 The Rising Nepal: New Schedule Set to Ready Statute by Mid-April 2011, pages 1&6 Rajdhani: SRC Removed from CA Calendar, page 1</p>
2.	Annapurna Post	Vernacular Daily	3	NEFIN Submits Memorandum	<p>NEFIN has submitted a memorandum to CA Chair Subas Nembang demanding that the rights of the indigenous nationalities be ensured in the new constitution. The memorandum includes demands for secular state, democratic republic and federalism as unchangeable provisions in the new constitution.</p>
3.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	13	Protest Against Proposed Khaptad Province	<p>The representatives of civil society have objected to the Khaptad Province proposed by the CA State Restructuring Committee. At a discussion program organized by CCD, UNDP in Dadeldhura representatives of all participating districts said no province would be accepted without Kailali and Kanchanpur. Convener of the FNJ far western region Manmohan Swanr said that the formation of the province excluding Kailali and Kanchanpur would lead to long term conflict. The representatives of the political parties also put forth similar views. UNDP Team Leader, Keith Leslie, suggested that the constitution to be drafted</p>

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					in the periphery of Baneshwor would not be able to address the concerns of the people of all regions. Thus, formation of the province should be made easy by considering the norms and values of all regions and ethnic groups.
4.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	1	UML on Fence Over PM Bid	<p>The CPN-UML has called its Central Committee (CC) meeting on Monday to decide whether to vie for the prime minister's post or not. Amidst differences within the party on the candidacy for the prime ministerial post, a meeting of the party's Standing Committee (SC) ended inconclusively on Sunday. Monday's CC meeting is expected to make a decision on whether the party will file for candidacy to form a new government under its leadership or support other coalitions. Sunday's SC meeting failed to make a decision on the issue because of differences of opinion on whether it should pick a new prime ministerial candidate, UML sources told the Post. It is learnt that Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal and senior UML leader K.P. Oli are for supporting a democratic alliance but against filing for candidacy after failing to form a consensus government.</p> <p>Republica: UML to Discuss PM Candidate Today, page 1</p>
5.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	3	Parleys Continue to Form Government	<p>With just three days left for the election of the prime minister, the inter-party race among the UCPN (Maoist), Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML has picked up momentum. On Sunday, they engaged in a series of bilateral and multilateral parleys. Among the three, NC looks to be at the forefront of the race because it has already selected its Parliamentary Party leader Ram Chandra Poudel as the party candidate for prime minister. NC PP leader Poudel had a hectic day on Sunday, with meetings with senior</p>

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					<p>CPN-UML leader KP Oli, Chairman of Nepal Workers' and Peasant Party, Narayan Man Bijukchhe, and Madhes-based parties's leaders, seeking their votes. "I am optimistic of winning the race," said Poudel after meeting Oli and Bijukchhe. UML leader Oli also gave his thumbs up to Poudel but requested everyone to wait until the UML's official decision on the formation of a government. In a bid to garner support, Poudel also consulted United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF), a newly-revived alliance of Madhes-based parties. The UDMF vote is decisive for the formation of a majority government as it has 81 seats in the Legislature-Parliament. The UDMF has asked the NC to bring forward a concrete proposal on peace, constitution writing and on Madhes issues. The Madhes-based parties recently revived their front to increase their bargaining power.</p> <p>The Himalayan Times: UCPN-M, NC Woo Madhesi Parties, page 1 Annapurna Post: NC and UCPN-M Continue Parleys for PM, page 1 Republica: NC Ups Government Formation Parleys, pages 1&3</p>
Opinions, Editorials and Interviews					
6.	Kantipur	Vernacular Daily	6	<p>Constitution Writing and Multiparty Competition</p> <p>Mohan Bikram Singh writes:</p> <p>Whenever the consensus system fails to work, there is no alternative to choosing the majority system. The concept that consensus among three major parties is a must for constitution building and peace. However, it would not be appropriate to</p>	

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					conclude that the peace process cannot be taken to the logical end and constitution writing could not be accomplished without the formation of the consensual government.
7.	The Kathmandu Post	English Daily	6	Feudalism is Alive and Well	<p>Jagat Basnet writes:</p> <p>Land reform is a complex political issue for many developing countries that are shackled by entrenched inequities in land access and ownership. Highly unequal land ownership breeds social tension and political unrest and inhibits economic growth. While Nepal faces its own particular land related issues, some common themes prevail; the lack of political will to formulate and implement effective land reform, entrenched inequitable power structures, exclusive legal systems, a lack of information dissemination and the age-old millstones of corruption and excessive bureaucracy. It is abundantly clear that the best approaches to land reform are those that integrate security of ownership, livelihood, resource management, agriculture input and community empowerment and mobilization. Land reform must redistribute land widely enough to preclude any dominant land-owning class and be accompanied by a support structure to sustain productivity. The expansion of rural markets that will follow will generate growth, and this will lead to stable peace and national development. All eyes are on land reform to see if the coming government seizes the unique chance to institute such an innovative, rational and scientific process of land reform.</p>
8.	Republica	English Daily	6	Will Political Drama Ever End?	<p>Dr. Hari Bansha Dulal writes:</p> <p>We should stop letting politics triumph over the rules. President</p>

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