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ABBREVIATIONS

AD	After Death
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	District Development Committee
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organizations
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
Ph D	Doctor of Philosophy

GLOSSARY

Allah	=God
Churoute	= Nepali Hill Muslims
Dupatta	=Shawl
Hadith	= Compilation of the sayings, approvals and disapprovals of the Prophet Mohammed
Hajj	= Pilgrimage
Hajji	= One who had paid the pilgrimage to Mecca
Hijab/ Purdah	=Veil
Id	= the greatest festival of the Muslim like Dashain or Christmas
Islam	= religion followed by Muslims
Kalma	= Namaz in mosque for dead body
Koran (Quran)	= Holy book of Islam; the sacred book of the Muslims and the collection of God's revelation to prophet Mohammed.
Madarasa	=Religious School
Mahr	= Amount of money given to the wife in case of divorce is desired in the future
Maulana	= Master, reverential form for addressing the Ulama
Mosque, Masjid	= Muslim place of worship, place of prostration
Moulana/ Mullah	= A teacher of the law and doctrines of Islam
Muhammad	= the prophet of Islam
Musalman	=Nepali word for Muslim
Namaj	=Praying
Nawab	=Provincial Governor of the Mughal Empire
Nikaah	= Marriage
Salah	= Ritual pray/ Reading Namaj
Shahadah	= Faith towards the one God
Siyam/ Roja	=Observance of Fasting
Talak	=Divorce
Zakat	=Giving of Alms