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#### ABSTRACT

The history of human civilization may be characterized as the history of war, conflict and search for peace. After World War-II, on October 24, 1945, United Nations was established. Nepal has been one of the active members of United Nations since her membership on December 14, 1955. The United Nations is common forum for all the member states. The peacekeeping is a technique which has been developed mainly by the United Nations to help, control and resolve armed conflict through Security Council Resolution. After Cold War, peacekeeping operations have been complex and multidimensional. There are many success stories as well as failures of the United Nations peacekeeping operations. Nepal Army is facing tough competition mostly from its South Asian counterparts like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Keeping these facts in mind, the main objective of the study is to assess the significant contribution of Nepal Army in the United Nations peacekeeping operations 1958-2009.

The study entitled "The Role of Nepal Army in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations 1958-2009", examines a fifty one year's history of Nepal Army's participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations. The main problem of the study is to evaluate the role of Nepal Army and its challenges in performing United Nations peacekeeping operations 1958 - 2009.

This is the first attempt to analyze the role of Nepal Army in the United Nations peacekeeping operations. The research intends to study the role of Nepal Army in the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

This study is based on descriptive analysis. In this research the perposive sampling method is used for primary data. The primary data were collected from more than hundred personnel related to the topic with the help of interview, questionnaire and interaction. During the primary and secondary data collection various libraries, Nepal Government offices, Nepal Army HQ, Nepal Police HQ, APF HQ, etc. have been visited. Field visit of Bunia, DRC, Congo and various NA training centers, units and sub units have been carried out. The information available in the web site has also been used in course of analysis. The data were cross-checked in various ways. The data have been described, analyzed and compared in the study.

This study is organized into five chapters. Chapter one deals statement of the problem, objectives, justification of the study, limitations of the study, review of the literature, research methodology, conceptual framework and organization of the study. Chapter two presents the nature of United Nations peacekeeping operations and Nepal's participation in peacekeeping operations. Chapter three looks at the role of Nepal Army in the United Nations peacekeeping operations. Chapter four analyzes

the challenges of Nepal Army in performing United Nations peacekeeping operations. Chapter five offers a summary, conclusions, findings and recommendations.

The UNDPKO has been conducting various PKOs though it is not mentioned in the UN Charter. Peacekeeping is becoming major tools for the peace and security in the world. Main challenges of UN are budget, effectiveness, political interest of powerful nations etc. To overcome new challenges many panel and reports have prepared. Nepal is sixth largest troops contributing country in the world.

Nepal Army has played several roles in the history of Nepal. To support national policy through international peace support operations is one of the secondary roles of Nepal Army. Nepal Army selects the troops according to selection procedure and provides them pre-deployment training in Birendra Peace Operations Training Center. Over 74,000 troops of Nepal Army including four Force Commanders, one Assistance Military Adviser to Secretary General and 197 females have participated in UNPKOs. Fifty six Nepali peacekeepers have laid their lives in line of their duties for serving the cause of peace and security of the world and fifty seven have injured.

The Nepal Army troops are always accepted heartily around the world. The Nepal Army celebrated its fifty years participation in the UNPKO on June 12, 2008. Despite of negligible weakness of the Nepal Army, it has shown significant contribution in peacekeeping operations duties. The findings of the study are as follows:

In the context of new world order, the nature of UNPKO is becoming more complex and versatile as a result of which the level of risk has increased for the peacekeepers. NA troops also have to be equally competitive to take advantages from the UNPKOs.

Nepal has become reliable and renowned major troops contributing country to the UN since her participation in the UNPKO. As a result, the country is more secured in preserving her national independence. NA has also contributed to maintain and implement Nepal's foreign policy. It has become professionally stronger due to the participation in thirty four UNPKOs along with the training of modern weapons, equipments and modern values.

The main challenges for Nepal Army to perform UNPKOs are: weakness in logistic self sustains security of troops and language problem.

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATION/ACRONYMS

Short Form		Full Form
2IC	-	Second in Command
AG	-	Adjutant General
AIDS	-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIG	-	Additional Inspector General
AIR	-	Aero Sport Inform
AMIB	-	African Mission in Burundi
APF	-	Armed Police Force
AoR	-	Area of Responsibility
ASEAN	-	Association of South East Asian Nations
ASG	-	Assistance Secretary General
ASI	-	Assistant Sub Inspector
AU	-	African Union
Bde	-	Brigade
BIPSOT	-	Bangladesh Institution of Peace Support Operation
		Training
Bn	-	Battalion
Bol	-	Board of Inquiry
BPOTC	-	Birendra Peace Operations Training Center
Brig.Gen.	-	Brigadier General
B.S.	-	Bikram Sambat
CAO	-	Chief Administrative Officer
CGS	-	Chief of General Staff
CIS	-	Commonwealth of Independent States
CIVPOL	-	Civilian Police
СМРО	-	Chief Military Personnel Officer
COAS	-	Chief of the Army Staff

COE	-	Contingent Owned Equipment
Col.	-	Colonel
Соу	-	Company
СРА	-	Comprehensive Peace Agreement
Cpl.	-	Corporal
COS	-	Chief of Staff
CSM	-	Company Sergeant Major
DDR	-	Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration
DFC	-	Department of Field Support
DGMT	-	Directorate General of Military Training
DIG	-	Deputy Inspector General
DMO	-	Department of Military Operation
DOMREP	-	Mission of the Representative of the SG in the
		Dominican Republic
DPA	-	Department of Public Affairs
DPR	-	Directorate of Public Relation
DPI	-	Department of Public Information
DPKO	-	Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DRC	-	Democratic Republic of Congo
DSP	-	Deputy Superintendent of Police
DSS	-	Department of Safety and Security
ECOWAS	-	Economic Community of West African States
ECOMOG	-	Economic Community of West African States
		Monitoring Group
ERC	-	Emergency Relief Coordinator
EU	-	European Union
FC	-	Force Commander
FPU	-	Formed Police Unit
Gen.	-	General
HC	-	Head Constable

HCHR	-	High Commissioner for Human Right
HIV	-	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
НоМ	-	Head of Mission
HQ	-	Headquarter
IB	-	Ituri Brigade
ICJ	-	International Court of Justice
ICRC	-	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	-	Internally Displaced Person
IGP	-	Inspector General of Police
IHRL	-	International Human Rights Law
IHL	-	International Humanitarian Law
IG	-	Inspector General
INGO	-	International Non-Government Organization
IPTF	-	International Police Task Force
JAG	-	Judge Advocate General
OOL	-	Junior Commissioned Officers
L/Cpl.	-	Less Corporal
Lt.	-	Lieutenant
Lt.Col.	-	Lieutenant Colonel
Lt.Gen.	-	Lieutenant General
Maj.Gen.	-	Major General
Mil.	-	Military
MSA	-	Mission Sustenance Allowance
MINOPUH	-	United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti
MINUGUA	-	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala
MINURCA	-	United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic
MINURCAT	-	United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic
		and Chad
MINURSO	-	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western
		Sahara

MINUSTAH	-	United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MOFA	-	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MONUC	-	United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MoU	-	Memorandum of Understanding
MPTE	-	Multi Platoon Training Event
MS	-	Department of Military Secretary
NA	-	Nepal Army
NAM	-	Non-aligned Movement
NATO	-	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NC	-	Non Combatant
NC RS	-	Nepali Currency Rupees
NEPBATT	-	Nepal Army Battalion
NP	-	Nepal Police
NCO	-	Non Commissioned Officer
NGO	-	Non-Government Organizations
NSC	-	National Security Council
OAU	-	Organization of African Unity
OCHA	-	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OHCHR	-	Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
ONUB	-	United Nations Operation in Burundi
ONUCA	-	United Nations Observer Group in Central America
ONUC	-	United Nations Operation in Congo
ONUMOZ	-	United Nations Operation in Mozambique
ONUSAL	-	United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador
P-5	-	Permanent Five Members of Security Council
РКО	-	Peacekeeping Operation
PKOs	-	Peacekeeping Operations
PSOs	-	Principal Staff Officers
Res.	-	Residence

RoE	-	Rules of Engagement
RUF	-	Revolutionary United Front
SAARC	-	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SGTM	-	Standard Generic Training Modules
SEA	-	Sexual Exploitation and Abuses
SF	-	Special Force
SG	-	Security General
Sgt.	-	Sergeant
SHC	-	Senior Head Constable
SOFA	-	Status of Forces Agreement
SOP	-	Standing Operating Procedure
SP	-	Superintendent of Police
SRSG	-	Special Representative of the Secretary General
S/RES	-	Security Council Resolution
SSP	-	Senior Superintendent of Police
Tech	-	Technical
тсс	-	Troops Contributing Country
TCCs	-	Troops Contributing Countries
UK	-	United Kingdom
UN	-	United Nations
UNAIDS	-	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMIC	-	United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia
UNAMID	-	African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in
		Darfur
UNAMIR	-	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
UNAMSIL	-	United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
UNASOG	-	United Nations Aouzou Strip Observer Group
UNAVEM	-	United Nations Angola Verification Mission
UNCRO	-	United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation In
		Croatia

UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
UNDCP	-	United Nations Conference of Trade and Development
UNDOF	-	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
UNDPKO	-	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
UNEF	-	United Nations Emergency Force
UNESCO	-	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural
		Organization
UNFICYP	-	United Nations Force in Cyprus
UNGCI	-	United Nations Guard Contingent in Iraq
UNGOMAP	-	United Nations Good Officers Mission in Afghanistan
		and Pakistan
UNHCR	-	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIFIL	-	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNIIMOG	-	United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group
UNIKOM	-	United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission
UNIPOM	-	United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission
UNMEE	-	United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
UNMIBH	-	United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
UNMIH	-	United Nations Nations Mission in Haiti
UNMIK	-	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in
		Козоvо
UNMIL	-	United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNMIS	-	United Nations Mission in the Sudan
UNMISET	-	United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor
UNMIT	-	United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-leste
UNMO	-	United Nations Military Observer
UNMOGIP	-	United Nations Military Observer Group in India and
		Pakistan
UNMOP	-	United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka
UNMOT	-	United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

UNO	-	United Nations Organization
UNOCI	-	United Nations Operation in Cote D'Ivoire
UNOGIL	-	United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon
UNOMIG	-	United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia
UNOMIL	-	United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia
UNOMSIL	-	United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone
UNOMUR	-	United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda
UNOSOM	-	United Nations Operation in Somalia
UNPKO	-	United Nations Peacekeeping Operation
UNPKOs	-	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
UNPREDEP	-	United Nations Preventive Deployment Force
UNPROFOR	-	United Nations Protection force
UNSAS	-	United Nations Stand-by Arrangement System
UNSF	-	United Nations Security Force in West New Guinea
		(West Irian)
UNSMIH	-	United Nations Support Mission in Haiti
UNTAC	-	United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia
UNTAES	-	United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slovenia, Baranja and Western Sirmium
UNTAET	-	United Nations Transitional Administration in East
		Timor
UNTMIH	-	United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti
UNTSO	-	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
UNYOM	-	United Nations Yemen Observation Mission
UNV	-	United Nations Volunteers
USG	-	Under Secretary General
USSR	-	Union of Soviet Socialist Russia
VA	-	Vital Area
VIP	-	Very Important Person
WFP	-	World Food Program

WHO	-	World Health Organization
Wo	-	Warrant Officer