

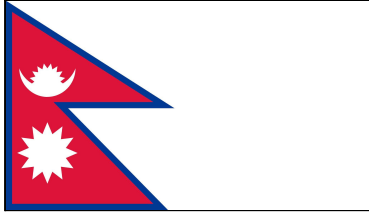
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Topic: Sexual Exploitation and Abuse By UN Peacekeeping Troops Towards Refugees

Country: Nepal

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In October 2001, the UNHCR and Save the Children-UK commissioned a joint assessment team to explore allegations of sexual violence and exploitation of children in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone¹. The report published contained information that the exploited children were between 13-18 years mostly girls, and from the interviews made with the peacekeepers they confessed their attraction towards young girls and their belief that sex with virgin girls could cleanse a man from an infection since they don't carry HIV. As a result, victims were given some biscuits and materials needed for survival or money in exchange with sex, and camps and rooms were built and rented to use these victims in the most unacceptable way which is benefiting from their need to survive.

According to the U.N. Peacekeeping Department's Conduct and Discipline Team, the U.N. has repatriated thirty-seven peacekeepers for sexual exploitation and abuse and twelve from them were from Nepal in a mission in South Sudan². These actions that were shown by the Nepalis peacekeepers made the government question their actions and the reason behind it, especially that they were sent on an important mission. Yet, Nepal is standing with solving this issue and protecting the refugees and victims.

From this stand, Nepal suggests choosing volunteers after taking a look over their history, and talking to the refugees every 2 months without the knowledge of the peacekeepers to know whether they were doing their job or not.

¹ Digitalcommons.nyls.edu. 2022. [online] Available at: <https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1550&context=journal_of_human_rights> [Accessed 7 January 2022].

² Openscholarship.wustl.edu. 2022. [online] Available at: <https://openscholarship.wustl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1109&context=law_globalstudies> [Accessed 7 January 2022].

