

Wake up for Nepal

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Millions Of people all over the world dream of climbing the Everest or simply visiting the land of Everest, Nepal. It has undoubtedly nestled in the imagination of the people and they hope of seeing the grandeur of this planet at least once in their lifetime. Those who couldn't make it have carried their dreams with them to the grave. It's one of the most divine experience to take the memories of Everest back home. The mountains here have the power of letting you discover your own beauty within. It enchants you, fascinates you, meditates you and makes you cry. It convinces you that Beauty can be majestic, awesome, daring and incredible at the same time.

However the country that houses this lofty mountain is wounded beyond repair. Nepal is witnessing the worst days of her existence. The Maoist insurgency alone that started during the 90's has claimed more than fourteen thousand lives and rendered thousands homeless and handicapped. Nepalese have seen their days drenched in blood-bath and their nights haunted with rapacious gunfire. They have seen their neighbor's premature death and have felt the horror of being an orphan, a widow and a widower. The war hasn't spared anyone. Men, women and children alike have been used as fuel and sacrificed. The scar left by the insurgency is distinct in the eyes of every Nepalese and it may take long before they can be completely recuperated.

Violence is once again escalating in the Terai through various ethnic outfits demanding an autonomous state. The option of divided Nepal would be fatal for the entire Saarc region and would have bitter implications on the world politics as well. Nepal has the historic and geographic prospect of being used by the



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western powers as a Himalayan Machan to eye on the red activities of China, hence the political stability of Nepal is a much sought after phenomenon. The rebels have expressed their ire through

outlandish acts of loots, torture, extortion and killings. They frequent the porous Indo-Nepal border for importing arms and ammunition from warlords functioning from the neighboring Indian states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Most of the outfits have been blindly adapting the Maoist pattern of violence in alerting the government. As with every war, it's the common populace who have been exploited the most and in this conflict too the commoners, women and children are being used as war-targets.

We have fought infinite world battles in different corners of the world and now it's a sorry sight to see our own homeland turn into a battle ground. We can't expect anything from the government of Nepal which has literally done nothing to curtail the crisis. Now it's for the people of Nepal to rise above all difference of caste, creed, party, sex, religion and community and save our country so beautifully placed along the line of the Himalayas.