

## **United Nations Peacekeeping: As One Solution to Address Sri Lanka's Economic Crisis**

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Sri Lanka is currently undergoing its ever-difficult journey on the economic front. Presently, the economic impact of the crisis has proliferated into a political crisis level. There are four main crucial areas that have led the country to an economic crisis such as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, lack of performance in the economic system, misuse of foreign reserves and high-interest loans and debts, etc. United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Missions can be one of the most viable sources to positively address this issue on some level. Since Sri Lanka is actively engaging and deploying its trained military for UN Peacekeeping missions, the time has come for Sri Lanka to effectively utilize its military resources to reduce the burden of unbearable bureaucracy and make them as a source of income generator to gain more foreign exchange to the country. This research aims to analyse the prospects of UN Peacekeeping missions to address the ongoing financial crisis as a source of income generation while minimizing the state's burden on the maintenance of its military. At the moment, Sri Lanka's contribution to UN Peacekeeping has declined due to various factors. This paper further studies those factors which led to minimizing its contribution to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO). Since there is no war in the country, it is a fact that the maintenance of such a large military is a burden to the country under the current circumstances. However, SL military is well trained and well qualified for modern peacekeeping operations in the world. This research follows both the qualitative and quantitative methods to conduct and analyse the data. The author basically argues that enhancing Sri Lanka's military to the UNPKO will address two issues such as, to minimize the state's burden to maintain post war military structure and using the military as a source of income to address the current dollar crisis as a solution to the economic issue.

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