

Permanent Mission of India to UN

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Press Release

10th Anniversary of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers organised at the Permanent Mission of India to UN today



By its Resolution (57/129 of 11 December 2002) the United Nations General Assembly designated May 29 as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the International Day, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations organized a function at which the Under-Secretary-General, DPKO, Ambassador Hervè Ladsous and Under-Secretary-General, DFS, Ms. Ameerah Haq participated, along with members of the diplomatic community, representatives of the media and civil society.

Speaking on the occasion, Permanent Representative Ambassador Mukerji recalled India's role in UN peacekeeping since 1953. He reiterated India's commitment to supporting the United Nations in this important area of its activities. The Permanent Representative paid special tribute to the five Indian peacekeepers from the 6 MAHAR who lost their lives in an armed ambush on 9 April 2013 in South Sudan, while escorting a UN convoy of staff and civilians.



As part of the event, a photo exhibition was organized by the Permanent Mission of India at its premises. The photos, many of them of rare archival nature, showcased the historical origins of India's UN peacekeeping participation and scenes from the various areas of operation where Indian peacekeepers have been deployed over the past 60 years. The contribution of Indian peacekeepers to helping civilian populations, especially women and children, and the role of the first ever Indian-all Female Formed Police Unit in the Mission in Liberia, were highlighted in the exhibition.

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