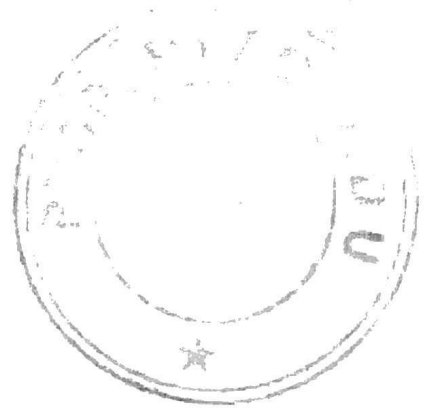


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**ABSTRACT**



As a country, Sri Lankan armed forces are being privileged to serve in the United Nations in order to maintain the world peace. Nevertheless serving in United Nations is associated with economic, sociocultural and health issues that were worth paying attention. Therefore, the underlying study has attempted to identify the challenges faced by the aircrew at present and during last five years (with experience) in order to sustain future United Nations Peace Keeping Operations. Hence, the researcher has conducted Thematic Analysis under qualitative methodology to achieve the study objectives in order to identify future challenges for United Nations Peace Keeping Operations of Sri Lanka Air Force. During the research, the researcher has revealed on insufficient aircrew for the periodic rotations, mission duration, vacation, existing infrastructure, pay scale and other facilities (local and overseas) as major challenges. Furthermore, it was revealed that several mandatory drugs administered to the aircrew have comprised with severe side effects in the long term. Hence, the study suggests reformations to the prevailing aircrew rotation, payment structure, administrative drugs, infrastructure facilities (local and overseas) and other sensitive issues related to their families. Further, researcher was able to answer the research questions and achieved the research objectives.

Keywords: Aircrew Rotation, Mission Duration, Payment Scale, Pilots, Supplementary Medicine, Sustenance of UN Missions, SLAF, UNPKO.

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