

Blue Helmet Operations for Sustaining Air Power amid Financial Crisis: With Special Reference to Niche Air Force

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Amidst present financial havoc, costly affairs such as the maintenance of air power for small states have become very serious issues. On the contrary, curtailing flying operations for a longer period would dramatically cripple the hard-earned air power status. Hence, a way forward is required for the survival and sustenance of air power in developing states. Researchers adopted an inductive approach during the exploratory qualitative study and followed pragmatism as the philosophy along with grounded theory as the strategy. The conceptual framework has been formulated from the theoretical framework, in accordance with the exploratory research objectives. After analysis of the data, researchers came up with viable recommendations to utilize existing air assets of SLAF for professional undertaking in nation-building efforts through United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO). Streamlining and optimizing the logistic chain, dedicated preparation for UNPKO and convincing government authorities for patronage is essential in making this endeavour a success. It is high time for an appropriate transformation of the air strategy to survive amidst the present socio-economic crisis and support nation-building efforts of the state whilst easing the financial constraint on the treasury.

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