

Potential of Artificial Intelligence as a Remedy for the Challenges Faced by the Sri Lanka's Armed Forces in United Nations' Peace Keeping Operations

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The United Nations (UN) charters like Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 have played a huge role in the ongoing peacekeeping programmes around the world. As there is a huge paradigm shift alongside the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the body of the UN Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKOs) has also taken a seismic shift from what it was before. Gaining recognition and appreciation for their contributions while also averting potential criticism are the goals of enhancing the standing of the Sri Lankan armed forces in the international community. This study aimed to shed light on how AI can play a significant role in assisting UN Peacekeepers beyond their traditional staff duties, enhancing their capabilities and effectiveness in various areas in UN Peacekeeping roles beyond their assigned duties of the respective missions. The goal was to demonstrate the Sri Lankan armed forces' dedication to upholding humanitarian principles and how integrating AI into their operations might foster stability in areas affected by drawing attention to their humanitarian role in UNPKOs. For the qualitative study, four local military expert veterans were chosen. Focus groups and interviews were used to gather data. By integrating AI into their operations, the Sri Lankan armed forces can enhance their humanitarian contributions, strengthen civil-military cooperation, minimize criticism, and gain recognition as important participants in global peace and security efforts. This will help establish a positive reputation and highlight their commitment to peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance.

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