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Foreign Policy in Nepal

By

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Any country's foreign policy is regarded as the extension of that particular country's domestic policy. The internal political, economic and social situation of a country largely influences its foreign policy. As Nepal has been experiencing sea of changes in its internal political, economic and social state of affairs after the successful second pro-democracy movement, the country needs to examine its conduct of foreign policy in the context of those changes and formulate and adopt its foreign policy correspondingly. The successive governments were unable to redirect Nepal's foreign policy in accordance with the changed domestic political situation and international trends. However, successfully holding the election of the CA, peacefully transforming monarchical kingdom into a Republic State and concluding and resolving conflict through sustained dialogues have provided new opportunity to refurbish country's tarnished image and engage more closely with the international community. Time has also come to utilize the goodwill and sympathy that Nepal has received today to serve the interests of the Nepali people and the country and to regain national prestige at the international level.

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