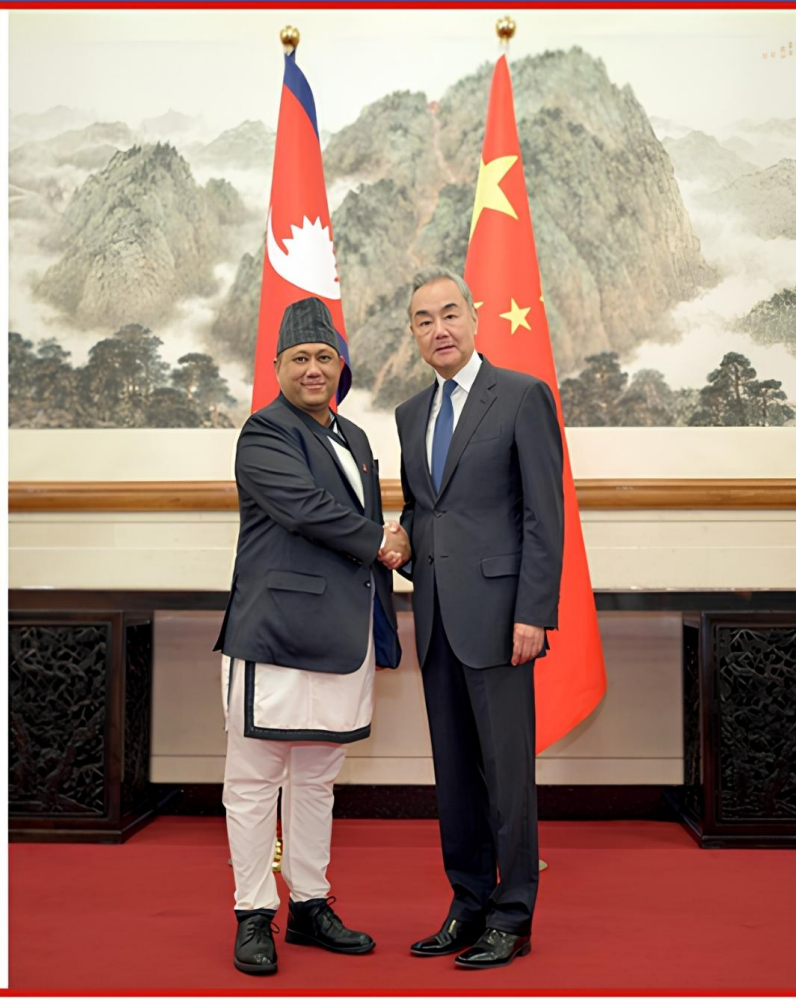
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A. BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS

OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO QATAR

Vice President Mr Ramsahay Prasad Yadav paid an official visit to the State of Qatar from 14 to 16 July 2026 to convey condolences of the Government of Nepal to the Qatari Leadership on the sad demise of His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

During the visit, the Vice President Mr Yadav called on His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, at Lusail Palace in Lusail City on 15 July 2026 and handed over a 'Letter of Condolence' from the President of Nepal, Mr Ramchandra Paudel, on the passing away of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir of the State of Qatar, who passed away on 12 July 2026.

Vice President Mr Yadav also paid tribute to the late Father Amir's visionary leadership and his invaluable contributions to the modernisation and development of the State of Qatar, as well as to the strengthening of the longstanding bilateral relations between Nepal and the State of Qatar.

Vice President also conveyed, on behalf of the Government and people of Nepal, his deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to His Highness the Amir, the Royal Family, the Government, and the people of the State of Qatar on this profound loss.



Vice President Yadav with His Highness Sheikh Tamim

OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO INDIA

Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal paid an Official Visit to India from 5 to 7 June 2026 at the cordial invitation of Minister of External Affairs of India Dr S. Jaishankar.

During the visit, the two Ministers held bilateral talks in New Delhi on 6 June 2026, where they reviewed the full spectrum of Nepal-India bilateral relations.

The two sides discussed the whole gamut of bilateral relations with a view to enhancing cooperation across key areas including trade, investment, connectivity, energy and people-to-people ties. The visit contributed to further strengthening the enduring and multifaceted relations between Nepal and India.



Bilateral Meeting between Foreign Minister of Nepal and External Affairs Minister of India

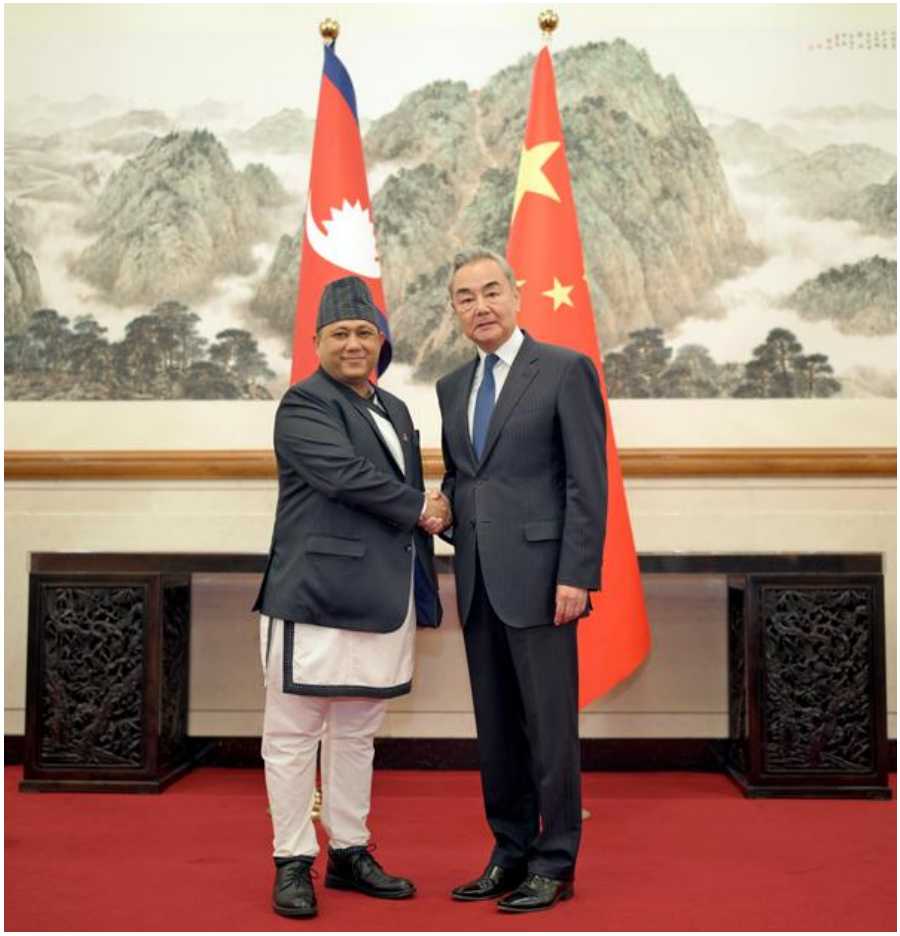
OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO CHINA

Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal paid a four-day official visit to China from 14 to 17 June 2026 at the cordial invitation of Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Yi.

During the visit, Foreign Minister Mr Khanal held bilateral talks with Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on 15 June 2026.

The two delegations held substantive discussions covering the entire gamut of Nepal-China relations that are marked by friendliness, goodwill and cooperation. The Nepali side reaffirmed the Government of Nepal's firm commitment to the One China Principle, ensuring that Nepali territory will not be allowed to be used for any activities against China.

The Chinese side reiterated its firm commitment to Nepal's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence while assuring its full support to the Government of Nepal's priority in the areas of good governance and economic growth.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal with the Foreign Minister of China Mr Wang Yi

UAE MINISTER CALLS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER

Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates, paid a three-day official visit to Nepal from 8 to 10 July 2026, leading an 18-member delegation comprising representatives from the government and private sector.

During the visit, Dr Al Zeyoudi paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Shisir Khanal, on 9 July 2026. The two Ministers exchanged views on strengthening bilateral relations between Nepal and the United Arab Emirates across a range of areas of mutual interest, including greater cooperation in trade, investment, AI, digital transformation, tourism, labour migration, infrastructure, renewable energy as well as increased Sovereign Wealth Fund investment in priority sectors.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal also underscored the enduring friendship and growing cooperation between the two countries while highlighting the Government of Nepal's

aspiration to make the upcoming Golden Jubilee celebration of diplomatic relations a major milestone by securing UAE investment in various projects in Nepal. Foreign Minister Mr Khanal also urged the UAE Government to remove the requirement of further verification of the police report after its attestation by the Department of Consular Services.



Courtesy Call on Foreign Minister Mr Khanal by Dr Al Zeyoudi

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER

Deputy Foreign Minister of Portugal Dr Ana Isabel Xavier paid a courtesy call on Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal at the Ministry on 30 April 2026.

Recalling his telephone conversation with his Portuguese counterpart, Mr Paulo Rangel on 1 April 2026, Minister Khanal welcomed the announcement of the Government of Portugal to open a diplomatic mission in Kathmandu and assured the full support of the Government of Nepal for the establishment of the mission.

Minister Khanal further expressed his appreciation to the Portuguese Government for its positive consideration in resolving consular cases of Nepali nationals.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Portugal, Dr Xavier extended her sincere congratulations to Minister Khanal on his appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal and wished him a successful tenure.



Deputy Foreign Minister of Portugal with Foreign Minister Mr Khanal

Similarly, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai held a bilateral meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister of Portugal Dr Xavier at the Ministry.

During the meeting, they reviewed various aspects of Nepal–Portugal relations and expressed satisfaction over the momentum gained in Nepal-Portugal ties, especially following the first meeting of the Nepal–Portugal Bilateral Consultation Mechanism held in Lisbon in February 2026.

In both meetings, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening bilateral relations and enhancing cooperation in various areas of mutual interest such as tourism, investment, trade and labour, digitisation, as well as further exploring new avenues of cooperation.

Dr Xavier, Deputy Foreign Minister (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation) of Portugal, visited Nepal from 29 April to 1 May 2026 at the invitation of Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai.



Foreign Secretary Mr Rai with the Deputy Foreign Minister of Portugal

UK MINISTER FOR THE INDO-PACIFIC CALLS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal received Ms Seema Malhotra, Minister for the Indo-Pacific and Minister for Equalities of the United Kingdom on 22 May 2026 at the Ministry.

During the courtesy meeting, the two sides discussed various aspects of Nepal-UK relations, stressed the need to modernise these relations, and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in investment, trade, education, tourism, climate action and digital technology.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal also requested the Minister Ms Malhotra to address, at the earliest, the concerns and grievances of ex-British Gurkhas, which have remained unresolved for decades. Minister Malhotra said that the British Government was positive towards resolving the matter. During her three-day visit, Minister Malhotra also met other Government Ministers and visited Lumbini and Kapilvastu.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal with the UK Minister for the Indo-Pacific

MEETING OF THE CHINA-NEPAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE JOINT COMMITTEE

The twelfth meeting of the China-Nepal Economic and Trade Joint Committee was held on 7 July 2026. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr Ghanashyam Upadhyaya, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Mr Yan Dong, Vice Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese delegation led by Mr Yan Dong, Vice Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, paid an official visit to Nepal from 6 to 8 July 2026 at the invitation of Dr Ghanshyam Upadhyaya, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance. During the visit, Mr Yan Dong also called on Dr Swarnim Wagle, Minister for Finance, and Ms Gauri Kumari, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies.

MEETING OF NEPAL-CHINA COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

The third meeting of the Mechanism for Facilitation on the Implementation of Nepal-China Cooperation Programmes and Projects in Nepal was held in Kathmandu on 2 June 2026. Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai and Mr Zhang Maoming, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Nepal co-chaired the meeting, leading their respective delegations.

The meeting comprehensively reviewed the status of ongoing Nepal-China economic and development cooperation programmes and projects. While expressing satisfaction over the progress made so far, an understanding was reached regarding specific

measures to expedite the timely and effective implementation of those programmes and projects that require immediate attention.

Formed under the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding signed on 21 June 2018, the Mechanism serves as a platform to regularly review the status of ongoing programmes and projects, identify challenges and take measures to address them on a priority basis.



Third Meeting of the Mechanism for Facilitation on the Implementation of Nepal-China Cooperation Programmes and Projects

LETTER OF EXCHANGE FOR CHINA-AID EMERGENCY ROAD PROJECT FOR ARANIKO HIGHWAY

A Letter of Exchange was signed between the Government of Nepal and the Government of China on 22 May 2026 for the implementation of the China-Aid Emergency Road Project for the Araniko Highway. The main scope of work is the restoration of the interrupted section of the Highway (K112+900 to K113+150).

The project will be implemented under the turnkey model, and the required cost of RMB 79.36 million will be covered under the Grant Aid provided in the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of China and the Government of Nepal signed on 15 August 2017.

NEPAL-INDIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON KOSHI AND GANDAK PROJECTS

The eleventh meeting of the Nepal-India Joint Committee on Koshi and Gandak Projects (JCKGP) was held in Kathmandu from 30 April to 1 May 2026. The two sides reviewed the progress of bilateral cooperation on the Koshi and Gandak projects and outlined a roadmap for future collaboration, particularly in flood management and irrigation development.

Nepali delegation was headed by Mr Mitra Baral, Director General of the Department of Irrigation, and the Indian delegation was led by Mr Santosh Kumar Mall, Principal Secretary of the Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar.



Eleventh Meeting of the Nepal-India Joint Committee on Koshi and Gandak Projects

CROSS-BORDER RAILWAY LINKS: TENTH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE AND EIGHTH JOINT WORKING GROUP

Tenth Project Steering Committee and the Eighth Joint Working Group meetings on Nepal-India cross-border railway links were held in Kathmandu from 11 to 12 June 2026.

The meetings reviewed the progress of ongoing projects and assessed the implementation status of the Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas and Jogbani-Biratnagar broad gauge railway links being developed under grant assistance of the Government of India. Discussions also covered operational and technical aspects of enhancing railway connectivity, including the Standard Operating Procedures for commencing passenger train services on the Janakpur-Ayodhya section.



Tenth Project Steering Committee Meeting on Nepal-India Cross-Border Railway Links

MEETINGS ON POWER SECTOR COOPERATION BETWEEN NEPAL AND INDIA

The thirteenth meetings of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) and the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Power Sector Cooperation between Nepal and India took place in Pokhara on 14-15 July 2026. The two sides agreed to enhance Nepal's power export to India to 1,650 MW from the existing 1,100 MW through the Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur and Dhalkebar-Sitamarhi cross-border transmission lines, and reviewed the progress of cooperation in hydropower development, cross-border power trade and expansion of transmission lines.



Meetings of the JSC and the JWG on Power Sector Cooperation between Nepal and India

MEETING OF NEPAL-EGYPT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The second meeting of the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism (BCM) between Nepal and Egypt was held in Cairo on 9 June 2026.

During the consultations, the two sides held substantive discussions covering the whole gamut of bilateral relations, including political, economic, commercial, cultural, and technical cooperation. They reviewed the existing bilateral engagements and expressed satisfaction over the longstanding friendly and cordial relations between Nepal and Egypt.

Both sides underscored the importance of further strengthening cooperation in the areas including trade, investment, tourism, hospitality, labour, agriculture, education, visa and consular matters, among others. The Nepali side highlighted Nepal's investment-friendly environment and encouraged Egyptian companies to explore opportunities, particularly in agriculture and fertilisers. It also expressed keen interest in expanding market access for competitive exports such as tea, coffee, and pashmina. The Egyptian side highlighted opportunities for increased economic engagement, tourism cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Ram Kaji Khadka, Joint Secretary/Head of the Central Asia, West Asia and Africa Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal, and Ambassador Amr Hamza, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs of Egypt.

The third meeting of the BCM will be held in Kathmandu on a mutually convenient date.



Second Meeting of the Nepal-Egypt Bilateral Consultation Mechanism in Cairo

MEETING OF NEPAL-ROMANIA BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The first meeting of the Nepal–Romania Bilateral Consultation Mechanism (BCM) was held in Bucharest on 4 May 2026.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed various aspects of Nepal–Romania relations, including economic ties, people-to-people exchanges, labour and consular issues, and multilateral cooperation. The two sides also exchanged views on further enhancing cooperation in the areas of energy, agriculture, tourism, information technology, education, and culture.

Prior to the meeting, Joint Secretary Mr Ganesh Prasad Dhakal and the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Ms Ana Cristina Tinca signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Joint Secretary and Head of Europe Division at the Ministry Mr Ganesh Prasad Dhakal and Acting Director General for Asia Pacific and Latin America Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania Ms Diana Tase led their respective delegations.





Signing of the MoU and The First Meeting of the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism between Nepal and Romania

MEETING OF THE NEPAL-NORWAY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The second meeting of the Nepal-Norway Bilateral Consultation Mechanism was held in Kathmandu on 25 May 2026.

The meeting reviewed the entire gamut of Nepal-Norway relations. Nepali side appreciated the Norwegian Government for their continued support to Nepal's development endeavours. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further enhance cooperation and strengthen bilateral ties.

The Nepali side provided an overview of the country's current political landscape and the new government's priorities focused on good governance, anti-corruption and efficient service delivery. Nepali side also shared that growth in key sectors including hydropower, tourism, and information technology are major economic goals of the government.

The meeting also explored avenues of cooperation in the green economy, including in clean energy transition and electric mobility, in which both countries have demonstrated notable progress. The Nepali side requested the Norwegian side for their engagement in hydropower generation and transmission networks.

Mr Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Joint Secretary and Head of Europe Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal and Ms Signe Brudeset, Director General of the Department for Regional Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway led their respective delegations.



Second Meeting of the Nepal-Norway Bilateral Consultations

MEETING OF THE NEPAL-SWITZERLAND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The fifth meeting of the Nepal-Switzerland Bilateral Consultations was held in Kathmandu on 27 May 2026, which was co-chaired by Mr Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Joint Secretary and Head of Europe Division of the Ministry, and Mr Markus Leitner, Head of the Asia and Pacific Division of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

The meeting, which coincided with the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations, reviewed the overall aspects Nepal-Switzerland relations. The two sides appreciated

the longstanding friendship and close partnership between the two countries. They also reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing cooperation in the days ahead.

The Nepali side expressed appreciation to the Swiss Government for continuously prioritising Nepal under the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) framework. The Nepali side, while expressing gratitude for the Swiss support in diverse areas including federalism, trail bridge construction, migration governance, community forestry, technical and vocational education, and disaster resilience, requested the Swiss Government to enhance the level of cooperation to Nepal in line with the government's priorities.

They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common concern, including climate change and cooperation in multilateral forums.

Both sides agreed to expedite the conclusion of the proposed MoUs and agreements.



Fifth Meeting of the Nepal-Switzerland Bilateral Consultations Mechanism

MEETING OF NEPAL-DENMARK BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

The third meeting of the Nepal-Denmark Bilateral Consultation Mechanism was held in Kathmandu on 16 June 2026.

The two sides reviewed various spectrum of bilateral relations and expressed satisfaction over the warm and friendly relations existing between Nepal and Denmark since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1967. They reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen bilateral relations and deepen cooperation in the days to come. The two sides also shared plans to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2027.

The delegations discussed opportunities to further strengthen economic cooperation, particularly in the areas of clean energy, trade and investment, tourism, information technology and digital innovation.

During the consultations, the two sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common concern, including climate change, realisation of SDGs and cooperation in multilateral forums.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Ganesh Prasad Dhakal, Joint Secretary and Head of the Europe Division of the Ministry and Mr Christian Tobias Bayer Tygesen, Director for Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean (ASILAC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



Third Meeting of the Nepal-Denmark Bilateral Consultations

TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal held telephone conversations with his counterparts and dignitaries of Jordan, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia and with the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs of the United States.

In his telephonic conversation with Mr Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of Jordan on 23 April 2026, the two Ministers discussed bilateral relations and reaffirmed their commitment to working together at bilateral and multilateral levels. Foreign Minister Mr Khanal thanked the Government of Jordan for ensuring the safety of many Nepali nationals amid the ongoing conflict in the region.

Similarly, Foreign Minister Khanal held a telephone conversation with Mr Andrii Sybiha, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on 30 April 2026. During the telephone conversation, the two Ministers took stock of all aspects of bilateral relations and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation in agriculture, tourism and education. The detention of Nepali nationals in Ukraine as Prisoners of War was particularly focused on, and Foreign Minister Khanal requested the Ukrainian Government to release and return all the detained Nepali nationals on humanitarian grounds. H. E. Mr Sybiha assured of possible assistance.





Foreign Minister Mr Khanal held Telephone Conversations with his Counterparts of Jordan and Ukraine

Likewise, Minister Mr Khanal held a telephone conversation with H. H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 20 May 2026. During the conversation, H. H. the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia congratulated Minister Khanal on his assumption of the Office of the Foreign Minister of Nepal and conveyed his commitment to working closely in areas of mutual interest.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal conveyed expressed his appreciation for the gracious message of congratulations and conveyed the sincere gratitude on behalf of the Government of Nepal to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for ensuring the safety and security of Nepali nationals amid the ongoing conflict in the region. He also reaffirmed Nepal's solidarity with the friendly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during this challenging period.

The two Ministers also discussed avenues for enhancing collaboration in trade and investment, including the promotion of Saudi private sector investment in Nepal, as the two countries prepare to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations next year.

Foreign Minister Khanal also held a telephone conversation with Ms Allison Hooker, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs of the United States on 28 May 2026. During the conversation, the Under Secretary congratulated him on assuming office and conveyed the commitment of the US Government to work closely with Nepal.

Foreign Minister Khanal shared the Government's priority of good governance and economic growth through investments in infrastructure, energy, tourism and digital technology. Under Secretary of the State appreciated on behalf of the US Government, Nepal's priority of national development and affirmed US Support in the process. They discussed the eight-decade long cooperative relations between Nepal and the United

States and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening cooperation at bilateral and multilateral levels.





Telephone conversations with Saudi Arabia and the United States

VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH THE UK SECRETARIES OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal held virtual meeting with the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom, Mr John Healey and Defence Minister for Veterans and People Ms Louise Sandher-Jones MP on 8 June 2026.

The meeting primarily focused on the ex-British Gurkhas' unresolved long-standing grievances including the demand for proportionate pensions. While highlighting the significance of the British Gurkhas in the Nepal-UK relations, Minister Khanal stressed the need for a mutually agreeable solution to the British Gurkha grievances at the earliest possible time. In this context, he requested the British Government to demonstrate from the perspective of justice, fairness and respect to address these issues.

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence Mr John Healey, Minister for Veterans and People Ms Louise Sandher-Jones MP reaffirmed her commitment to working closely with the Nepali side to address the issues of the ex-British Gurkha veterans.

Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai and other senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present in the meeting. From the British side, Ms Alex Baker MP and Chair of All Party Parliamentary Group on Nepal, and other senior officials from the British Ministry of Defence were present.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal in Virtual Meetings with the UK Secretaries of State for Defence

REPATRIATION OF STATUES FROM NEW YORK

Two archaeologically significant statues of the 13th century Padma Pani Lokeshwor and of the 16th century Nritya Devi have been repatriated to Nepal from New York. Those statues had been stolen or gone missing from Nepal at different times and later surfaced in the United States.

The repatriation was carried out in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, the Department of Archaeology, the Consulate General of Nepal in New York and the New York District Attorney's Office.

B. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS

MESSAGES ON THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIMSTEC

On the occasion of the 29th anniversary of BIMSTEC Prime Minister Mr Balendra Shah and Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal extended separate messages of felicitations to the Governments and peoples of all BIMSTEC Member States, reaffirming Nepal's commitment to a connected, resilient and prosperous BIMSTEC region.

As the Lead Country for the People-to-People Contact sector, Nepal reiterated its commitment to advancing tourism, cultural exchanges and closer people-to-people ties across the region.

BIMSTEC Expert Group Meetings

Nepal participated in the second meeting of the BIMSTEC Intergovernmental Expert Group on Mountain Economy, held in Thimphu on 16 and 17 April 2026. The Meeting reviewed progress in implementing the BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Mountain Economy and identified priority activities for 2026-2027.

Similarly, Nepal attended the second meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Public Health was held in Colombo on 12 and 13 May 2026. The Meeting reviewed progress in regional public health cooperation and discussed the next phase of the Plan of Action on Public Health, focusing on disease surveillance, pandemic preparedness and digital health.



Delegates at the Second BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting on Public Health

Similarly, Nepal participated in the BIMSTEC Youth Leadership Exchange Programme held in India from 25 to 30 April 2026, with a delegation comprising officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Youth and Sports, Education, Science and Technology, and Industry, Commerce and Supplies, and attended two Knowledge

Sharing Webinars on Best Practices in Planning of New Power Transmission Systems organised by the BIMSTEC Energy Centre on 13 May and 10 June 2026.

Likewise, a Knowledge Sharing Workshop on MSME Facilitation in the BIMSTEC Region was convened in Bangkok on 28 and 29 April 2026 with participation from all Member States.

MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON TRANSFORMING CARE SYSTEMS

A two-day Ministerial Dialogue entitled "TransformCare South Asia: Transforming Care Systems for Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment in SAARC" was held in Kathmandu on 13 and 14 May 2026.

The Dialogue highlighted the care economy as a strategic area for regional cooperation and resulted in a zero draft of the "Action Plan for Transforming Care Systems in South Asia". It was co-organised by the Government of Nepal, the SAARC Secretariat and UN Women.



Delegates from the SAARC Member States Attending the Dialogue

MEETING OF BIMSTEC NATIONAL SECURITY CHIEFS

Nepal participated in the fifth meeting of BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs, which was held in New Delhi on 16 July 2026. The meeting reviewed regional security cooperation and discussed counterterrorism, cyber and maritime security, disaster management and other emerging security challenges. It also endorsed the BIMSTEC Guidelines for the Maritime Component of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and the Guiding Principles for Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies during

Interactions at Sea. Nepali delegation was led by Mr Raj Kumar Shrestha, Home Secretary.



Leaders of Delegations at the Fifth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting

MEETING OF THE BIMSTEC SUB-GROUP ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The fourth meeting of the BIMSTEC Sub-Group on Human Trafficking was held in Bangkok on 11 and 12 June 2026. The meeting reviewed progress in regional efforts to combat human trafficking, including the development of a BIMSTEC Digital Platform and Standard Operating Procedures for victim assistance and repatriation, and discussed emerging trafficking trends. Nepal presented its human trafficking situation, highlighting challenges related to labour migration, and emphasised the importance of strengthened regional cooperation.



Participants from BIMSTEC Member States at the Human Trafficking Meeting

OTHER REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

The Ministry and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea jointly organised a one-day seminar on "Enhancing Regional Integration and Cooperation in South Asia" in Kathmandu on 26 May 2026. The seminar brought together officials, diplomats, experts and media representatives to discuss regional integration and the role of SAARC, BBIN and other frameworks.

Similarly, the eleventh Governing Board Meeting of the South Asian Regional Standards Organization (SARSO) was held virtually on 3 and 4 June 2026. The meeting recommended its budget and programme for 2026.

The tenth meeting of the SAARC Chief Veterinary Officers' Forum was held in Colombo on 18 and 19 June 2026. It decided to update the roster of eminent veterinary experts of the Member States and to convene a meeting of the SAARC Laboratory Directors' Forum.

FOREIGN MINISTER ADDRESSES ECOSOC SPECIAL MEETING

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal addressed the ECOSOC Special Meeting on "Safeguarding Energy and Supply Flows: Supporting Global Development through International Cooperation", held virtually at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 15 May 2026. In his address, Foreign Minister highlighted the far-reaching impacts of ongoing global conflicts and disruptions to energy and supply chains on energy security, economic stability and sustainable development, particularly for vulnerable developing countries such as Nepal.

He underscored the need for increased investment in resilient infrastructure and renewable energy, and for targeted support to least developed and landlocked

developing countries through concessional financing, debt relief and technology transfer. Reaffirming Nepal's commitment to multilateralism and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he emphasised that safeguarding global energy and supply flows requires collective action, lasting peace and an inclusive international response.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal Addressing the ECOSOC Special Meeting

NEPAL REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF LDC GRADUATION

In view of the evolving global and domestic challenges affecting Nepal's development trajectory, the Government of Nepal formally requested a three-year extension of the preparatory period preceding graduation from the Least Developed Country category, until 24 November 2029. Foreign Minister Khanal sent formal letters to the Chair of the Committee for Development Policy on 13 May 2026 and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 15 May 2026, in this regard.

NEPAL ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST COMMITTEE

Nepal has been elected as the Chair of the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security) for the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 3 June 2026. The election reflects the confidence of the international community in Nepal's constructive engagement in multilateral diplomacy and its longstanding commitment to international peace, security, disarmament and the rules-based international order.

NEPAL ASSUMES CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY PLUS GROUP

Nepal assumed the Co-Chairmanship of the Feminist Foreign Policy Plus (FFP+) Group, jointly with Luxembourg, for the period 2026-2027, effective from 30 May 2026. Through this role, Nepal will continue to promote gender equality, inclusive diplomacy and the Women, Peace and Security agenda while contributing to strengthening multilateral cooperation on shared global priorities.

LETTER OF CREDENCE PRESENTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Mr Lok Bahadur Thapa, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, presented his Letter of Credence to Ms Leticia Reis de Carvalho, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), in Kingston, Jamaica on 1 July 2026. This marks the first time Nepal has formally accredited a Permanent Representative to the ISA, underscoring its commitment to strengthening engagement with the Authority and contributing to the sustainable governance of the international seabed area as the common heritage of humankind.

Ambassador Thapa also held a meeting with Secretary-General Carvalho, during which he reaffirmed Nepal's commitment to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the BBNJ Agreement, and emphasised the meaningful participation of Landlocked Developing Countries in the decision-making processes of the ISA, equitable resource governance, and access to capacity building, transfer of marine technology and knowledge sharing.

VISIT OF THE APG-ICRG DELEGATION AND NEPAL'S EXIT FROM THE GREY LIST

A delegation of the Asia/Pacific Group International Cooperation Review Group (APG-ICRG), led by Mr David Shannon, Deputy Executive Secretary of the APG Secretariat, paid a support visit to Nepal from 18 to 20 May 2026. The visit reviewed the progress of the Action Plan set by the ICRG and discussed Strategic Implementation Planning ahead of the scheduled Monitoring Review in September 2026.

During the visit, Deputy Executive Secretary of the APG Secretariat, Mr David Shannon also called on Foreign Minister Khanal at the Ministry on 19 May 2026. Mr Shannon briefed the Minister on the requirements for Nepal to exit the Grey List, emphasising comprehensive risk assessments, effective legal and prosecutorial frameworks, regulatory oversight of vulnerable sectors and strengthened international cooperation, as well as the role of the Ministry and Nepali missions in projecting the reform commitments.

Foreign Minister Khanal highlighted the ongoing reform efforts towards full compliance with the FATF recommendations and expressed confidence that, through close collaboration with the APG, Nepal would achieve an early exit from the Grey List.

The Financial Action Task Force has placed Nepal under Increased Monitoring (Grey List) since February 2025, following the third mutual evaluation by the APG in 2022/2023.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal with Deputy Executive Secretary of APG Secretariat

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) Governance and Corruption Diagnostic mission led by Mr Jonathan Pampolina visited Nepal from 20 April to 6 May 2026 to assess governance vulnerabilities and corruption risks across key sectors. The delegation met with the Head of the International Organisations and International Law Division of the Ministry on 28 April 2026 and have discussions on progress made and challenges encountered in international cooperation on mutual legal assistance and anti-money laundering matters. The Ministry reaffirmed its role as a facilitating authority in expanding the bilateral and multilateral treaties essential for mutual legal assistance and for combating transnational financial crimes.

Similarly, an interaction programme between Members of the Finance Committee of the Federal Parliament of Nepal and a high-level IMF delegation from the Asia-Pacific Division, led by Dr Sonali Jain-Chandra and Dr Sarwat Jahan, Mission Chief for Nepal, was held at the Federal Parliament Secretariat on 3 July 2026.

The programme reviewed the conclusion of the four-year Extended Credit Facility programme (January 2022 to June 2026) and Nepal's macroeconomic outlook. The IMF noted that the ECF-backed reforms had restored external stability, as evidenced by recovered foreign exchange reserves and a significantly reduced fiscal deficit.



Interaction between Members of the Parliamentary Finance Committee and the IMF Delegation

PARTICIPATION AT THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO

A Nepali delegation participated in the 68th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) held at its Headquarters in Geneva from 7 to 15 July 2026.

Delivering the opening statement on behalf of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Group, Nepal underscored the persistent technology gap and the "triple digital gap" of infrastructure, usage and affordability, and urged the international community to enable LDCs' participation in global technology flows, narrow the AI and digital divide, and support domestic innovation ecosystems.

Highlighting the importance of the WIPO Deliverables for LDCs and the Graduation Support Package, Nepal called for the full operationalisation of TRIPS flexibilities, particularly Article 66.2 on technology transfer, to ensure a smooth, sustainable and irreversible graduation process.

NEPAL PARTICIPATES IN THE 16TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF UNCTAD

A Nepali delegation participated in the 16th Session of the Trade and Development Commission of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Geneva from 29 June to 3 July 2026. Delivering a statement on behalf of the LDCs Group, Nepal highlighted the structural challenges that LDCs and Landlocked Developing Countries face in achieving economic diversification and stressed that Special and Differential Treatment must serve as a key policy instrument to drive growth.

SUBMISSION OF REPORTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Nepal submitted its national report on the implementation of Article VII of the Chemical Weapons Convention to the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on 7 July 2026, demonstrating its commitment to fulfilling its international obligations under the Convention.

In its capacity as the National Point of Contact, the Ministry submitted Nepal's United Nations Report on Military Expenditures for the reporting year 2025 to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on 6 July 2026, reaffirming Nepal's commitment to transparency and confidence-building measures.

C. ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

FOREIGN MINISTER ADDRESSES NEPAL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal addressed the closing session of the Nepal Business Summit 2026 as Chief Guest on 18 May 2026. In his address, Foreign Minister Mr Khanal shared the Government's vision for rapid and sustainable economic growth driven by good governance, policy predictability and structural reforms, and underscored the Government's commitment to promoting investment, fostering technology partnerships and strengthening stakeholder engagement to create a more conducive business environment.

The Summit brought together global investors, policymakers and business leaders, including representatives of NBI, NICCI, CBFIN and FEEN.





Foreign Minister Mr Khanal addressing the Nepal Business Summit 2026

INTERACTION WITH HEADS OF NEPALI MISSIONS ABROAD

The Ministry, in collaboration with Federation of Export Entrepreneurs Nepal (FEEN), organised a virtual interactive discussion programme with Heads of Nepali Missions abroad on "Export Promotion of Nepal" on 21 May 2026.

Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal addressed the event and directed the Heads of Missions to prioritise and implement programmes and activities focused on economic diplomacy for trade and export promotion.

Speaking in the programme, Member of House of Representative Mr Ganesh Parajuli stressed the urgent need for technical and practical measures to make the export of Nepali products simple and obstacle-free.

Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai underscored the need to strengthen economic diplomacy and export promotion through the active involvement of Nepali missions with focused and concerted actions.

Mr Dev Anand Sarawagi, Senior Vice President of FEEN, made a comprehensive presentation on the "Role of Diplomatic Missions in Export Promotion", and Mr Govinda Prasad Ghimire, President of FEEN, highlighted problems, challenges and the way forward.




Interaction Programme on Export Trade Promotion of Nepal

INTERACTION ON EXPORT TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Ministry conducted an interactive discussion programme on export trade, investment and tourism promotion with experts from the Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) and Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur on 26 May 2026.

Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai addressed the event, interacted with the officials and thanked the resource person from Tribhuvan University for providing an academic lens to sharpen the understanding of developing global geo-economics and Nepal's possible stance in navigating the global market for trade, investment and tourism promotion.

Mr Achal Raj Pandey, lecturer at the Central Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University, made a presentation on the "Role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diplomatic Missions in Export Trade, Investment and Tourism Promotion of Nepal".

Joint Secretaries, Under Secretaries and Officers of the Ministry and experts from the IFA were present.

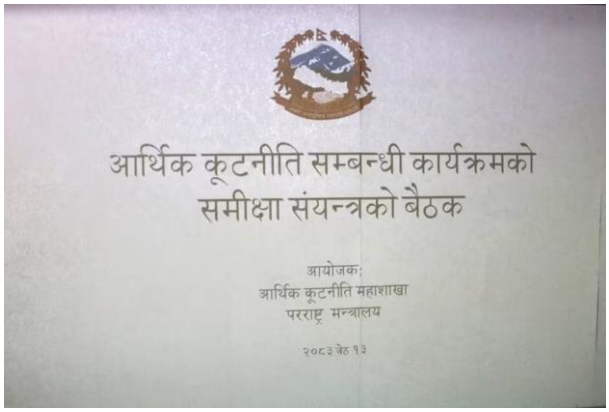



Interactive Programme on Export Trade, Investment and Tourism Promotion of Nepal

ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMME REVIEW MECHANISM MEETING

The meeting of the Economic Diplomacy Programme Review Mechanism was held at the Ministry on 27 May 2026 and reviewed the programmes and activities on economic diplomacy conducted by Nepali Missions abroad in FY 2081/82. In the meeting, the progress status of the programmes was presented and ways to make them more effective and result-oriented were discussed.

Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai addressed the meeting. Members representing the concerned Ministries and agencies, the private sector and the Non-Resident Nepali Association were present.





Foreign Secretary Mr Rai Addressing the meeting of Economic Diplomacy Programme Review Mechanism

COUNTRY STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), organised an interaction programme on Country Strategy Formulation and Implementation for the promotion of economic diplomacy of Nepal on 9 June 2026.

Addressing the interaction programme, Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal underscored the need for priority-based country-specific plans and programmes on economic diplomacy.

Similarly, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai stressed the importance of strategic and results-oriented approach to economic diplomacy.

Dr Biswas Gauchan, Executive Chair and Director of the Center for Economic Policy at IIDS, and Mr Akhilesh Upadhyay, Policy Lead for Geostrategic Affairs, presented various aspects of economic diplomacy and implementation of country-specific strategies.

The event was attended by senior officials including heads of Divisions/Departments of the Ministry.

LAUNCH OF THE REPORT "NEPALI DIASPORA IN AUSTRALIA"

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal launched the report "Nepali Diaspora in Australia" at an event organised by Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) in Kathmandu on 18 May 2026.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal highlighted that the Nepali diaspora in Australia represents one of Nepal's national strengths. He also noted that education as a key pillar of Nepal-Australia relations and emphasized that they serve as an important soft-power bridge strengthening mutual goodwill, cultural understanding and multifaceted partnership beyond remittance.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal also invited the diaspora to remain actively engaged as partners in building a prosperous and inclusive Nepal.

NEPAL-UK ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2026

The Embassy of Nepal in London organised the Nepal-UK Economic Partnership Forum 2026 on 3 July 2026 under the theme "Advancing Nepal-UK Economic Partnership through Trade, Investment, Technology and Outsourcing".

A video message from Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal in the forum highlighted the Government's commitment to promoting international trade, attracting foreign direct investment, facilitating technology transfer and creating an enabling environment for investment in priority sectors.

The Forum also featured addresses by Mr Alex Baker MP, Chair of the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group for Nepal, Mr Rob Fenn, British Ambassador to Nepal, and Dr Pukar Malla, Member of Nepal's National Planning Commission.

During the Forum, two Memoranda of Understanding were signed virtually: one between the West London Chamber of Commerce and the Confederation of Nepalese Industries, and another between the West London Chamber of Commerce and the Nepal Britain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to promote business linkages, trade and investment between the private sectors of the two countries.



Foreign Minister Mr Khanal at the Nepal-UK Economic Partnership Forum 2026

ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES OF NEPALI MISSIONS

During the reporting period, Nepali Missions abroad organised a number of economic diplomacy programmes to promote trade, investment and tourism.

The Embassy of Nepal in Washington D.C. and the Consulate General of Nepal in San Francisco jointly organised the "Nepal Trade and Investment Opportunity" programme, and the Embassy in Washington D.C. organised a programme in Chicago on 24 May 2026 to mark International Everest Day under the theme "Sagarmatha: Identity and Pride of Nepal", a programme in Cancún, Mexico on 3 July 2026 to promote tourism, trade and investment, and an interaction titled "Nepali Diaspora and Nepal's Prosperity: Challenges and Opportunities" on 20 June 2026.

The Embassy of Nepal in Canada organized an interaction programme with members of the diaspora involved in importing goods and services from Nepal in Toronto on 15 June 2026.

Similarly, the Embassy of Nepal in Brasilia showcased Nepal at the Festival Internacional de Turismo in Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná from 9 to 12 June 2026.

E. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

YADU NATH KHANAL LECTURE SERIES

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs organised the Fifth Edition of the Professor Yadu Nath Khanal Lecture Series in Kathmandu on 29 June 2026 under the theme "Foreign Policy of Nepal: Navigating Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Trends." Former Prime Minister Dr Baburam Bhattarai delivered the keynote lecture, addressing major transformations in the international order, intensifying competition among major powers, and the growing role of economic instruments and technology in international affairs. The lecture examined the implications of these developments for Nepal's foreign policy choices and its engagement with the evolving regional and global environment.

Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai delivered the welcome remarks, highlighting the Lecture Series as a flagship initiative of the Ministry that honours the legacy of Professor Yadu Nath Khanal and promotes informed discourse on Nepal's foreign policy and diplomacy. He also recalled Professor Khanal's emphasis on understanding national history and objectives as the basis for effective diplomatic engagement.



Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai Delivering his Welcome Remarks

In his keynote lecture, Dr Baburam Bhattarai examined the changing dynamics of global power relations and the increasing interconnection between geopolitical competition and economic interests. He highlighted the growing significance of economic instruments and technological advancements in shaping international relations and the policy choices available to states. The lecture provided a basis for examining how these shifts influence Nepal's external environment and the considerations that inform its foreign policy.



Dr Baburam Bhattarai Delivering Keynote Remarks

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal delivered the concluding remarks, emphasising the importance of navigating global changes with clarity and confidence. He underscored that Nepal's foreign policy should remain firmly grounded in the national interest, with the welfare of its citizens as a central consideration in the country's external engagement.

The programme was attended by more than 400 participants, including ministers, former ministers for foreign affairs, members of the Federal Parliament, former foreign secretaries, other secretaries and senior officials of the Government of Nepal, chiefs of security agencies, and members of the diplomatic corps. The participation of senior government officials, political representatives and members of the diplomatic community reflected the significance of the Lecture Series as a forum for engagement on contemporary foreign policy issues.



Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal Delivering the Concluding Remarks

The programme was conducted by Mr Lok Bahadur Poudel Chhetri, Spokesperson and Head of the Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry. The proceedings were livestreamed through the Ministry's official Facebook and YouTube channels, extending access to the event beyond the participants attending in person.



Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy Division Conducting the Programme

Introduced in 2022, the Professor Yadu Nath Khanal Lecture Series honours the distinguished contributions of Professor Yadu Nath Khanal to Nepal's Foreign Service and diplomacy. The annual initiative provides a platform for discussion on foreign policy and international relations, bringing together policymakers, diplomats, scholars and other stakeholders to reflect on developments of significance to Nepal. The Fifth Edition continued this tradition by examining the implications of changing geopolitical and geoeconomic trends for Nepal's foreign policy, reaffirming the relevance of

sustained policy dialogue in understanding and responding to an evolving international environment.

NEPAL FOREIGN SERVICE DAY 2083



Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Khanal and Foreign Secretary Mr Rai at the Ceremony

The Ministry observed Nepal Foreign Service Day 2083 in presence of Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal on 24 May 2026.

Addressing the programme, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal expressed his best wishes and highlighted the distinct role of the Foreign Service in the rapidly changing world.

Foreign Minister Mr Khanal underscored the need for transforming traditional diplomacy into a robust economic diplomacy for contributing to the prosperity of the country and wellbeing of Nepali people, and effective public diplomacy for enhancing the dignity and image of nation internationally. Furthermore, the Minister underlined the need to "ensure that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stands tall as the first line of defense, safeguarding our sovereignty, national interest and attaining prosperity for all".

On the occasion, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai delivered welcome remarks. In his remarks, Foreign Secretary Mr Rai paid tribute to former officials for their invaluable contributions to Nepal's Foreign Service and encouraged all young diplomats of the Ministry as well as all members of Nepal's Foreign Service to remain professionally competent and adaptive to changing realities, and further dedicate themselves towards protecting and promoting the national interests of Nepal.

During the programme, newly inducted Foreign Service officials were welcomed and retired officials and staff were recognised for their dedicated service to the nation.

Officials of the Ministry, former Chief Secretary, former Foreign Secretaries, former ambassadors and officials of Nepal's Foreign Service, and representatives of the media were present at the programme.

The Nepali diplomatic missions abroad also joined virtually through a livestream.

SOFT POWER PROMOTION

During the reporting period, with a view to promoting Nepal's natural beauty, cultural heritage and art as well as in enhancing the national image, the Ministry created content and videos relating to Nepal's festivals, special days and UN-designated International Days of relevance to Nepal, which were published and disseminated on the social media platform X (@MoFANepal_PD).

Content, messages and video messages were created and published on various occasions, including Sagarmatha Day, Bhanu Jayanti, International Day of Women, International Day of Yoga, World Environment Day and the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, among others. Sustained content on Nepal's natural beauty, art, culture and heritage continued to be published on the dedicated handle, aimed at strengthening the country's international image and promoting its soft power.

INTERNATIONAL WELLNESS DAY

The Ministry organised a short session at the Ministry on 15 April 2026 to observe the first-ever International Wellness Day. Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal highlighted the importance of embracing wellness practices in daily life and encouraged all participants to make wellness a conscious and sustained way of life.

The observance follows the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Nepal-initiated resolution designating 15 April each year as International Wellness Day.





Session to Mark the first International Wellness Day at the Ministry

MOFA-MEDIA MEET AND INTERACTION

The Ministry organised the MoFA-Media Meet and Interaction programme on 20 April 2026 in the presence of Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal.

In his welcome remarks, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai underlined the value of an open exchange of views in communicating and advancing the Government's priorities.

During the programme, Foreign Minister Mr Khanal highlighted the media's role in conveying Nepal's foreign policy priorities and contributing to a balanced and positive international image of the country.

On the occasion, Spokesperson Mr Lok Bahadur Poudel Chhetri shared updates on foreign affairs and the Ministry's broad priorities, including economic and public diplomacy and the situation of Nepali nationals in West Asia.

Chief Editors, Editors, senior writers and analysts took part in the interactive exchange.

Similarly, another MoFA-Media Meet and Interaction programme was organised on 10 June 2026 in the presence of the Foreign Minister, where updates on important high-level engagements of the Government were shared and a frank discussion was held on issues of national interest and Nepal's foreign policy priorities. Senior journalists covering foreign affairs and analysts from the Nepali media attended the programme.




MoFA-Media Meet and Interaction programmes held on 20 April and 10 June 2026

REGULAR AND OTHER PRESS BRIEFINGS

The Ministry continued to organise regular press briefings, generally on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, keeping the public and the media informed of recent developments, key activities undertaken by the Ministry and its upcoming priorities.



Press Briefing by Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal at TIA

S.N.	Date	Press Briefing by	Briefing Highlights	Location
1	7 June 2026	Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal	Following the official visit of Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal to India, a press briefing was organised at Tribhuvan International Airport to inform the media on various engagements of the Foreign Minister during his official visit to India.	Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA)
2	17 June 2026	Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal	Following the official visit of Foreign Minister Mr Shisir Khanal to China, a press briefing was organized at the Tribhuvan International Airport to inform the media on various engagements of the Foreign Minister during his official visit to China.	Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA)
3	24 April 2026	Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy Division Mr Lok Bahadur Poudel Chhetri	Developments in West Asia and the continued efforts of the Government for the safety and well-being of Nepali nationals in the region; decisions of the High-Level Inter-Ministerial Task Force headed by the Foreign Minister; decisions of the sixth meeting of the Emergency Response Team chaired by the Foreign Secretary.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu

S.N.	Date	Press Briefing by	Briefing Highlights	Location
4	8 May 2026	Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy Division	Inter-agency coordination pertaining to foreign relations; important high-level visits and meetings; situation in West Asia and well-being of Nepali nationals abroad; key findings and policy recommendations of the report of the High-Level Inter-Ministerial Task Force headed by the Foreign Minister.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu
5	10 July 2026	Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy Division	Main activities as part of the Government's 100 days of performance; matters relating to issuance of passports from the new system; bilateral visits from UAE and China; situation in West Asia; meeting of the Nepal-Australia Bilateral Consultation Mechanism; and other activities.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singhadurbar, Kathmandu

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING AND RESPONSE

During the period, the Ministry closely followed the parliamentary sessions of both the houses and prepared 62 (House of Representatives-32, National Assembly-28 and Joint Meeting of both Houses-2) reports on matters relating to foreign affairs and the work of the Ministry.

The matters were taken up by the Ministry, and expedited where necessary, and a progress report was prepared with a view to communicate the same to the Secretariat of the Parliament, respective Members of the Parliament and to the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers.

The Foreign Minister addressed the parliamentary sessions and committee meetings (in House of Representatives on 10 and 18 June 2026, in National Assembly on 11 June and 7 July 2026 and in International Relations and Tourism Committee on 7 July 2026 on specific matters and questions raised by the Members.

Similarly, the Foreign Secretary responded in writing to eight (Six-House of Representative and two-National Assembly) written/oral questions received through the Parliament Secretariat in this period.

D. NEPALI DIASPORA

DIASPORA EXPERT NETWORK AND KNOWLEDGE BANK

The Ministry convened an interaction programme on 12 June 2026 to deliberate on the effective operation of the Diaspora Expert Network and Knowledge Bank.

The programme underscored the importance of strengthening institutional collaboration, enhancing the online portal and identifying areas for mobilising the expertise of the Nepali diaspora in support of national economic prosperity.

Mr Pushparaj Bhattarai, Joint Secretary of the Labour Migration Division, outlined the objectives of the initiative. The programme was chaired by Mr Krishna Prasad Dhakal, Joint Secretary of the Ministry.

F. PROTOCOL UPDATES

JOINT COURTESY CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER

The Ministry coordinated a joint courtesy call on the Prime Minister Mr Balendra Shah by 28 residential and non-residential Ambassadors and Heads of Mission at the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers in Singhadurbar on 26 May 2026.

Ambassadors and Heads of Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the European Union, Finland, Norway, Myanmar, Australia, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Sweden, Belgium, Portugal, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Estonia, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Greece, Denmark, Romania, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Austria, Slovakia, Brazil, Malaysia, Poland and the Czech Republic were present for the call on.

They congratulated the Prime Minister on assuming office, conveyed greetings and messages from their respective Heads of State or Government, and expressed support for the new Government in delivering results for the benefit of the Nepali people.

Reiterating Nepal's balanced and pragmatic foreign policy, the Prime Minister stated that Nepal's engagement with its neighbours, development partners and friendly countries is guided by the principles of mutual respect, sovereign equality and shared prosperity.

He highlighted the Government's resolve to ensure good governance and inclusive economic prosperity and its eagerness to deepen partnership in trade, investment, green energy, climate action and tourism.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Mr Asim Shah, Chief Secretary Mr Suman Raj Aryal, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai and other senior officials were present during the call on.





Joint Courtesy Call on Prime Minister Mr Balendra Shah at his Office in Singhadurbar

JOINT COURTESY CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER

Ambassadors of the EU Member States based in Kathmandu and New Delhi paid a joint call on Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal at the Ministry on 26 May 2026.

On the occasion, Minister Khanal appreciated the European Union's continued development partnership with Nepal and stressed the need to strengthen cooperation in areas such as trade, climate action, education, and people-to-people ties.

He shared efficient service delivery and a strong anti-corruption stance as two major pillars of good governance, alongside rapid economic growth as key priorities of the Government.

Minister Khanal also shared the ongoing economic reforms aimed at facilitating investment, enhancing export competitiveness and promoting innovation, and invited greater investment in areas of hydropower, tourism, infrastructure development and information technology.

In light of the considerable progress Nepal has made and the reforms that remain actively underway, he requested the EU Member States to give due consideration to support Nepal in the process of delisting from the EU Air Safety List.

Speaking on behalf of the visiting delegation, the EU Ambassador to Nepal Ms Veronique Lorenzo stated that the objective of the visit was to reaffirm the support of EU Member States to the new government, as well as to explore opportunities for engagement between Nepal and the EU Member States, including the sharing of EU expertise in e-governance and digitalisation.



Joint Courtesy Call on Foreign Minister in Singhadurbar

WELLNESS WALK

To celebrate the first-ever International Wellness Day, the Ministry organised a Wellness Walk on 18 April 2026 along the Hatiban-Champadevi trail in Dakshinkali Municipality. More than one hundred participants, including Ambassadors, members of the diplomatic community and senior government officials, joined the walk, which was organised following the adoption by the United Nations of Nepal's proposal to observe International Wellness Day every 15 April.

Welcoming the participants, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai highlighted Nepal's policy commitment to become a premier wellness destination.





Participants of the Wellness Walk

HIGH-LEVEL VISIT

The Protocol Division organised the overall logistical and protocol aspects of the official visit of the Vice President Mr Ramsahay Prasad Yadav to the State of Qatar from 14 to 16 July 2026. The details of which are given under Bilateral Engagements.

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE

The President Mr Ramchandra Paudel received the Letters of Credence of Ambassadors-Designate of the following countries at the Office of the President, Rastrapati Bhawan, Sheetal Niwas, Maharajgunj.

S.N.	Name	Country	Residential/Non-Residential	Date
1.	Mr Mustapha Jawara	Republic of The Gambia	Non-Residential	20 April 2026
2.	Mr Christopher Cooter	Canada	Non-Residential	20 April 2026
3.	Mr Tomaz Mencin	Republic of Slovenia	Non-Residential	20 April 2026

S.N.	Name	Country	Residential/Non-Residential	Date
4.	Mr Abdenor Khelifi	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	Non-Residential	20 April 2026
5.	Mr Aleksei V. Surovtsev	Russian Federation	Residential	21 May 2026
6.	Mr Christian Biever	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Non-Residential	21 May 2026
7.	Dr Robert Zischg	Austria	Non-Residential	21 May 2026
8.	Dr Mohammad Fathali	Islamic Republic of Iran	Non-Residential	21 May 2026



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Mr Abdenor Khelifi, Ambassador of Algeria



Mr Aleksei V. Surovtsev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation



Mr Christian Biever, Ambassador of Luxembourg



Dr Robert Zischg, Ambassador of Austria



Dr Mohammad Fathali, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran

OUTGOING AMBASSADORS

During the reporting period, the following Ambassadors left Kathmandu after completing their tour of duty.

S.N.	Ambassador's Name	Country	Date
1	Mr Carlos Alberto Michaelsen den Hartog	Federative Republic of Brazil	22 May 2026
2	Mr Abrar Hussain Hashmi	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	9 July 2026

PROTOCOL WORKSHOPS

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Nepal Academy of Tourism, Hotel and Mountaineering (NATHM), organised a workshop on "Protocol, Dining Etiquettes and Table Manners" for Ministers of the Government of Nepal on 15 May 2026.

During the programme, comprehensive presentations on diplomatic protocol, etiquette and dining manners were made by the Ministry and NATHM, including by Mr Kumar Raj Kharel, Chief of Protocol.



Chief of Protocol Mr Kumar Raj Kharel Presenting the Workshop

Similarly, workshops on the "Diplomatic Code of Conduct and Dining Etiquette" were organised at NATHM on 1 and 2 July 2026 for members of both Houses of the Federal Parliament. During the workshops, the Chief of Protocol made presentations on "Nepal's Foreign Relations and Diplomatic Code of Conduct".

The Ministry also organised a series of workshops on the Diplomatic Code of Conduct and Etiquette for approximately 230 officials of Federal Ministries and other central agencies at the Ministry's conference hall on 14 May, 22 May, 2 June, 4 June, 11 June and 18 June 2026.

These programmes were designed for staff of the personal and private secretariats of Ministers and dignitaries, the Secretariat of the Secretary, and the Foreign Cooperation and Coordination Divisions and Branches of those agencies. It is expected that these initiatives will make meetings, negotiations, correspondence, exchange of visits and all other forms of contact between dignitaries and high-ranking officials of the

Government of Nepal and foreign representatives more organised, dignified and aligned with national interests and priorities.

G. RESCUE AND REPATRIATION

SIXTH MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The sixth meeting of the high-level Emergency Response Team (ERT), constituted under the convenorship of the Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai, was held at the Ministry on 20 April 2026.

Upon reviewing the decisions of the previous five meetings, the meeting made decisions on important matters, including recommending the opening of all labour destination countries in West Asia for foreign employment, resuming the issuance of new Labour Permits, Re-entry Work Permits and legalisation services, reactivating the worker demand letter authentication process, continuing the registration of Nepali citizens in West Asia as a permanent structure, keeping the Emergency Control Room open during daytime hours and ensuring 24-hour service by designating staff at night with access to data and internet-enabled telephones, and operating the Rapid Response Teams formed in the Missions as permanent structures.



Sixth Meeting of the Emergency Response Team

REPORT OF THE HIGH-LEVEL INTER-MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE

The decisions of the High-Level Inter-Ministerial Task Force headed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal were shared at the press briefing of 24 April 2026. The key findings and some policy recommendations of its report were also shared at the press briefing of the Ministry held on 8 May 2026.




Press Briefings of the Ministry on the Situation in West Asia

Rescue of Nepali Nationals from Scam Centres

The Ministry, with the active involvement of the Nepali Embassies in Thailand and Myanmar, has been rescuing Nepali nationals from scam centres across the Southeast Asian region, specifically from Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. With the help of the respective host governments and local Non-Resident Nepali Associations, a total of 491 Nepali nationals from Cambodia were rescued and repatriated to Nepal during the reporting period.

The Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok is working in close coordination with the Cambodian Government to avoid potential penalties to Nepali nationals.

H. INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MOFA NEPAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2026

The MoFA Nepal Summer Research Internship and Fellowship 2026 commenced at the Institute on 17 June 2026. Twenty interns and fellows, selected from 1,278 applicants, are engaged in policy-oriented research on Nepal's foreign policy priorities.

The Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA) in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invited expressions of interest for the MoFA Nepal Summer Internship 2026 on 15 May 2026. It was open to graduates and professionals in Nepal and abroad.





Commencement of the MoFA Nepal Summer Research Internship and Fellowship 2026

SEMINAR ON STUDENT MIGRATION

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal addressed a seminar organised by the Institute of Foreign Affairs on "Student Migration: Policy, Aspiration and Global Mobility" on 28 April 2026.

Highlighting the roles of Nepali students abroad, Foreign Minister Mr Khanal emphasised that the pursuit of knowledge has always been a journey beyond borders, and underscored the need for a diaspora knowledge network that maps the specialised skills of Nepali students and links their global insights to national development priorities.

The programme was attended by government officials, migration experts, researchers and young diplomats of the Ministry.





Seminar on Student Migration: Policy, Aspiration and Global Mobility

WOMEN IN DIPLOMATIC LEADERSHIP

On the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, the Institute of Foreign Affairs hosted "Women in Diplomatic Leadership: Sharing Experiences to Shape the Future" with around 80 participants. The Member of Parliament Ms Sumnima Udas attended the programme, as Chief Guest.



Women in Diplomatic Leadership: Sharing Experiences to Shape the Future

I. OTHER PROGRAMMES

LAUNCH OF THE MOFA MITRA MOBILE APPLICATION

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal officially launched the MoFA Mitra mobile application developed by the Department of Consular Services at a special programme organised at the Department of Consular Services in Tripureshwar on 26 May 2026.

Addressing the ceremony, Foreign Minister Mr Khanal stated that consular assistance has become more important than ever as millions of Nepalis live outside the country, and highlighted the importance of leveraging digital technology to make consular services more accessible and effective.

The application is available on both Android and iOS. It enables Nepali citizens abroad and their families to register their consular concerns and grievances online, receive timely updates, track the status of their requests and communicate directly with the Nepali missions concerned.





Launch of the MoFA Mitra Mobile Application

VIRTUAL INTERACTION SERIES WITH NEPALI MISSIONS ABROAD

The Ministry organised a series of three virtual interaction programmes with Nepali diplomatic missions abroad.

Mission	Regions Covered	Date
First	West Asia and Africa	**16 April 2026**
Second	South Asia, North East Asia, and South East Asia & the Pacific	**17 April 2026**
Third	Europe and the Americas	**20 April 2026**

During the programmes, Ambassadors, Permanent Representatives, Consuls General and Chargés d'Affaires briefed the Ministry on the political and socio-economic situation in their respective countries, the safety and security of Nepali nationals, the

status of service delivery, innovative practices, major engagements and priorities. In his opening remarks, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai underscored the need for efficient, people-centred and technology-based service delivery and effective economic diplomacy. In his closing remarks, Foreign Minister Khanal highlighted the Government's core priorities of good governance through improved service delivery and economic prosperity through strengthened economic diplomacy, and instructed the missions to align their efforts accordingly and further enhance service delivery through innovation and digitalisation.




Virtual Interaction Programmes with Nepali Missions based in West Asia and Africa (left) and in South Asia, North East Asia and South East Asia and the Pacific (right)

MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Development Action Committee of the Ministry met on 13 May 2026 under the chairpersonship of Foreign Minister Khanal. The meeting reviewed and assessed the performance of the Ministry for FY 2082/83 and focused on overcoming operational hurdles and challenges. Dr Gunakar Bhatta, Vice Chair of the National Planning Commission, and senior officials of the Ministry and the bodies concerned were present.

INTERACTION ON THE DRAFT NON-RESIDENT NEPALI ACT

The Ministry organised an interaction with the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) on the draft Non-Resident Nepali Act on 23 April 2026.

During the programme, Foreign Secretary Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai affirmed that the Ministry regards the NRNA as a trusted partner.



Interaction on the Draft Non-Resident Nepali Act

The NRNA President and former Presidents provided feedback on the draft, stressing the importance of alignment with the social, economic and cultural rights enshrined in the Constitution of Nepal. Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Shisir Khanal shared his plan to present the draft in the upcoming session of Parliament.

J. SERVICE DELIVERY AT HQS

PASSPORT/CONSULAR SERVICES

S.No.	Services	Number	Remarks
Passport Service			
1.	ePassport	2,61,424	Including DoP, Missions, DAOs and AAOs
Consular Services			
1.	Consular Attestation	2,44,584	

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