



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Nepalese Soldier of ONUB dies in a Traffic Accident**

**Bujumbura, Burundi** – A Nepalese soldier of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) died in a tragic accident in Bujumbura on Saturday, 1 July, 2006 at around 16:30. Sgt. Chirinjibi Khatri of NepBatt IV was crossing the road between the Thai Engineer Camp and the Transit Camp when a civilian taxi driving on the airport road hit him. The soldier sustained serious injuries, and was evacuated to Pakistani Level II Hospital, where he was declared dead. He was 37 years old, and married with two children.

The incident was reported to the UN Military Police and the Nepalese Camp in Buramata, Bubanza Province. The taxi driver is currently under investigation by the Military Police and the Burundian National Police.

This death brings to 19 the number of military casualties suffered by ONUB since the start of the mission in June 2004. ONUB extends its deep sympathy to the Nepalese Battalion and the soldier's family.

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