

EDITORIAL

There is no more cold war since the disintegration of former Soviet Union. Disarmament, economic globalisation and regional co-operation are the nascent issues in international politics. Forward strides have been taken in some respects. There has been no positive repercussion for small power like Nepal, which is outweighed in her own strength to preserve her independence and security.

Nation-states are accelerating to generate new type of power technology in the name of their defence and security needs. The widely publicised nuclear tests recently carried out by India and Pakistan is a great set back for the people of South Asia. This development in the Sub-continent has led serious threat to regional peace and security.

Despite Nepal's commendable democratic transition, severe poverty, Partisanism in every sphere of governance, inconsistent foreign policy, parochial political culture have become the crucial factors of deteriorating living standard of the people who are below the poverty line. Nepal has been still under going to the restructuring of its political and economic institution. The institutionalisation process of democracy has been paving the way positively.

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