

Photo 1

“Children in a nearby school in Motipur of Kailali play in the ruins of a police station destroyed by Maoists in December 2002. Six policemen were killed in the attack and the station has never been rebuilt. The boys knew one of the policemen who was killed, and they never come here alone because they think the house is haunted.”

Photo by Amrit Gurung

Photo 2

“A woman finds her husband among dozens of bodies of policemen killed in a Maoist raid on their Station in Naumule in Dailekh in June 2001. Most police posts in western Nepal were pulled back to district capitals after a series of bloody rebel attacks.”

Photo by Chandra Shekhar Karki

Photo 3

“A young boy at a school in Upper Gorkha draws a helicopter next to a danfe pheasant on the blackboard of his classroom. Children across Nepal have been directly and indirectly affected by the war.”

Photo by Mohan Mainali

Photo 4

“At a Maoist gathering in Betali in Ramechhap in 2002, a man meets his nephew for the first time after he ran away from home three years previously to join the Maoists. The uncle walked four days to meet his nephew and tried to convince him to return home. The boy refused.”

Photo by Mukunda Bogati

Photo 5

“A grandmother grieves at Pashupati as her soldier grandson, one of 138 security personnel, police, and civilians killed in the Maoist attack of Mangalsem of Accham in February 2002, is cremated and an army unit pays tribute.”

Photo by Narendra Shrestha

Photo 6

“A nun at Kathmandu’s Kapan Monastery shows a peace sign at a prayer session in March 2004.”

Photo by Prakash Mathema

Photo 7

“Teacher Narjit Basnet paid a terrible price for refusing to join the Maoists: his left hand was chopped off. But in 2005 he was still teaching at a community-run school in Pipal Bot in Rukum.”

Photo by Naresh Newar

Photo 8

“This passenger was among the 36 killed when the Maoists bombed a bus in Madi in June 2005.”

Photo by Kumar Shrestha

Photo 9

“New women recruits join the army ranks at a ceremony at the military base in Chhauni as the Buddha’s eyes gaze down from Swayambhu. After the army entered the conflict in November 2001, its troop strength nearly doubled, and Nepal’s defence budget quadrupled.”

Photo by Min Bajracharya

Photo 10

“A woman holding her baby watches the Maoist Second Battalion at drill in Rukum’s Kholagau in April 2004.”

Photo by Elizabeth Dalziel/AP

Photo 11

“A supporter cheers from the roof of Bir Hospital watching a 200,000-strong crowd at a Maoist victory rally at the Khula Manch on 2 June 2006.”

Photo by Narendra Shrestha

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Over 250,000 people came to visit the art installations that were toured in several towns. Each photo tells a story of loss and grief, but at the same also speaks of the strength of the Nepali spirit.

Photo 17

Kunda Dixit, who envisioned the book and wrote the preface and captions, hopes his project will help the cause of non-violent struggle.