

Nepalese Lives DON'T matter II

To Whitehall to support the three Gurkhas on hunger strike in an effort to persuade the government to give them pension parity with the rest of the British Army. Or to at least talk to them seriously about the inequality.

This is Day 7 of the hunger strike; I reported [at this link](#). Even US servicemen in London have expressed support and signed. London was busy today, but there was a lack of overseas tourists (for obvious reasons), and Civil Servants (the talk of too many of them still working from home must have some truth to it).



Scarves are an important part of Buddhist culture. They are presented as gifts to welcome or bid farewell, or given as votive offerings at a shrine or during worship. Every day a

new scarf is tied. I can understand that having these dismantled unceremoniously by the police would be distressing, just as if they upset a stand of candles by a shrine of Our Lady.



This is the visiting party of Mr Virendra Sharma MP for Ealing (West London) and his team. Mr Sharma (3rd left) leads the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Gurkha Welfare, and is Co-Chair of the APPG on Nepal. I believe the lady 5th centre is Mrs Harbhajan Kaur Dheer who was the Mayor of the borough in 2015.

There is a lot of public support and more planned.

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