

# Military Standard-Issue LATEST

## 2012 Standard Issue (Gurkha Knives)

*Both Gurkha Knives are original and made by KHHI for the official "Recruit Intake 2012" of the Brigade of Gurkhas of the British Army..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.25 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 10mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 615 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 825 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 2200 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Gift, Jungle warfare, Military, Regular work, Show Piece
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, Kathmandu, Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Polish

In the long tradition of BGN (British Gurkhas Nepal) where an annual tender is done every year to appoint an official maker/supplier for its new recruits for that particular year, KHHI has successfully won the annual contract for various years and once again we are extremely pleased and honored to announce that we have been selected for the year 2012. KHHI's high quality kukris and its professionalism into the business beat all in the race and BGN officials were so pleased with the product and price that they decided to handover the contract to KHHI. Now KHHI will be supplying a total number of 252 pieces for the "Recruit Intake 2012" in which each recruit will be issued with 2 khukuris. **Please be notified that each blade will have / has "KHHI 2012" stamped in the ricasso area to denote the manufacturer of the kukri and the year of enlistment.**

KHHI is very delighted, privileged and further motivated to be appointed as the official maker and supplier to the legendary British Gurkhas for the year 2012. We would like express our deep gratitude and gratefulness to all our well wishers, supporters and customers without whom KHHI would not have come this far. We would also like to thank all BGN staff for giving us this opportunity to serve the Gurkhas.

We have also decided to open the kukris for the general public acquirement. A few extra of the same standard issue kukris that are made for the contract are available for purchase.

As you know by now there are two khukuris issued to a soldier - one is the Service No.1 or the Parade knife (British Gurkhas Parade, BGP) and the other is the Service No.2 or the Exercise knife (British Gurkhas Exercise, BGE). Both blades are exactly the same and almost identical to its original version issued in late 1980's called the "Service No.1 (Sarkhari Kukri)", however slightly thicker and wider thus heavier and the shape/curve differs marginally (not noticeable to a general eye). Similarly the brass bolster has lips slanted to the blade unlike the original and 2009 issue. Both blades are well polished. The rest features are exactly same as its earlier counterparts. The only thing differentiating Service No.1 or the Parade knife (BGP) and Service No.2 or the Exercise knife (BGE) this time in 2012 is the scabbard it comes with. BGP has shiny patent leather sheath (see photo) and hence carried for parade, on duty and on ceremonial occasions where as BGE has Normal black leather sheath (water buffalo hide) and hence used as a tactical knife and carried for training, exercise and even for combat.

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**(PRICE INCLUDES BOTH KNIVES)**

Blade: 10.25 inch approx.

Thickness: 10 mm approx.

Handle: 5 inch approx.

Weight: 600 gms (blade + handle) approx.

Scabbard: Shiny patent leather (BGP) and Water Buffalo Hide (BGE)

Overall Weight: 775 gms approx.

Enclose: Both come with a frog, brass chape and two accompanying knives (Karda Chakmak), each blade is stamped with KHHI 2012

**Materials / Features:**

Shiny patent leather (BGP), Water buffalo hide (BGE), Buffalo horn handle, Brass fixture, High carbon steel

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**2013 Standard Issue (Original Gurkha Knives)**

*KHHI is once again supplying/making khukuri knives for the official "Recruit Intake 2013" - get an original Cap Badge, Special Display Stand and Gurkha Book for FREE...*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.25 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 10mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 675 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 825 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 2500 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Gift, Jungle warfare, Military, Regular work, Show Piece
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, Kathmandu, Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Polish

**KHHI is extremely pleased to have won the supply/make tender of BGN (British Gurkhas Nepal) for this year too - for the recruit intake 2013. We will carry on this honor and duty with utmost pride, care, confidence and enthusiasm.**

In the long tradition of BGN (British Gurkhas Nepal) where an annual tender is done every year, lately in OCT-NOV, to appoint an official maker/supplier for its new recruits for that particular year, KHHI has successfully won the annual contract for various years and once again we are extremely pleased and honored to announce that we have been once again selected for the year 2013. KHHI's high quality kukris and its professionalism into the business beat all in the race and BGN officials were very happy to select KHHI yet again. Now KHHI will be supplying/making a total number of 300 pieces of khukuri knives and 200 pcs of Gurkha Hat Badge for the "Recruit Intake 2013". This continual winning of Annul Contract of BGN for the new Gurkha Recruits itself speaks for the level of superior quality and services KHHI delivers. Our sincere gratitude to all our customers and well wishers and the BGN staffs for their trust, support and business.

Now KHHI will be supplying a total number of 300 pieces and 200 pcs of Gurkha Hat Badge for the "Recruit Intake 2013" in which each recruit will be issued with 2 khukuris and a Badge. There is a total strength of 126 enlistments for this year. A few extra khukuris and badges have been ordered by BGN as stock or replacement. We have also decided to open the kukris for the general public acquirement. A few extra of the same standard issue kukris that are made for the contract are now available for purchase.

As you know by now there are two khukuris issued to a soldier - one is the Service No.1 or the Parade knife (British Gurkhas Parade, BGP) and the other is the Service No.2 or the Exercise knife (British Gurkhas Exercise, BGE). Both blades are exactly same and identical to the 2012 Standard Issue and quite similar to its original version issued in late 1980's called the "Service No.1 (Sarkhari Kukri)". Like the original, it has a regular military (service) shape (that can be seen in the photo) and has water buffalo horn handle attached with brass fixtures. The blade and handle are both done finely and well polished to give an attractive look. Both knives come with two small accompanying knives called Karda (small utility knife) and Chakmak (sharpener). Both also come with military style frog with two belt loops at the back and lace-up style at the front. The only thing differentiating Service No.1 or the Parade knife (BGP) and Service No.2 or the Exercise knife (BGE) is the scabbard it comes with. BGP has shiny patent leather sheath (see photo) and hence carried for parade, on duty and on ceremonial occasions where as BGE has Normal black leather sheath (water buffalo hide) and hence used as a tactical knife and carried for training, exercise and even for combat.

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#### Complimentary:

**Original Cap Badge:** Along with the annual tender of khukuris for this year, KHHI has also won for the Official Cap Badge. KHHI will be supplying/making 200 pcs of Gurkha Hat/Cap Badge for the Recruit intake 2013. The cap badge will be proudly worn on each hat of the new Gurkha. Just like the Khukuri, a Gurkha Hat with the iconic Cross Khukuri badge has been the renowned symbol, pride and honor for all the legendary Gurkhas.

**Gurkha Book:** This extraordinary book written By Mike Chappell is one of the best books written on the "Gurkhas" dating back since the 18th century to the modern days. The book covers all the regimental histories, originations, stories and ranks with beautiful pictures. History of both the military exploits and everyday life of the Gurkhas, from their early service in the British Army to the Indian Mutiny through both world wars, as well as their later services after Indian Independence/Partition are all beautifully covered with B&W photos, drawings and sketches. It's a must see for all Gurkha fans and fanatics.

**Display Stand:** This special display wooden stand engraved with Gurkha Regimental Badges is also offered in this buy. The stand is beautifully engraved by cnc technology with all the Old and Current regiments of the Brigade of Gurkhas as shown in the photo. The double mounted stand is handmade by using only conventional domestic tools. The lower hands hold the kukri and upper hands hold its scabbard horizontally. British Gurkhas Parade, BGP will simply look amazing mounted on the stand for others to envy your collection.

1. Queens Gurkha signals
2. 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles
3. 6th Queen Elizabeth Own Gurkha Rifles
4. 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles
5. 7th Duke of Edinburgh Own Gurkha Rifles
6. Gurkha Transport Regiment
7. Queen Engineer Regiment

And the famous "Gurkha Motto" on the base of the stand

**\*\* (PRICE INCLUDES BOTH KNIVES, 1 X ORIGINAL CAP BADGE, 1 X GURKHA BOOK and 1 X SPECIAL DISPLAY STAND for BGP) \*\***

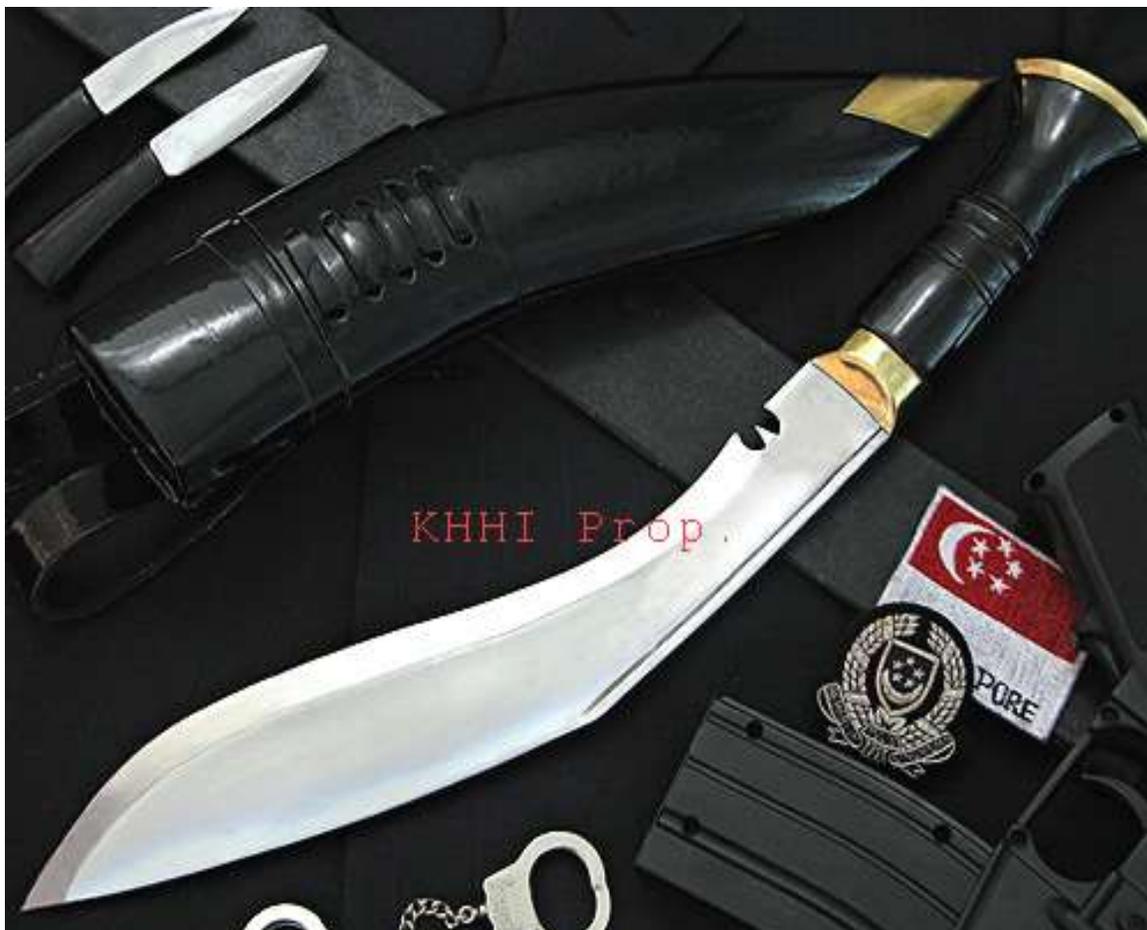
#### **Materials / Features:**

Shiny patent leather (BGP), Water buffalo hide (BGE), Buffalo horn handle, Brass fixture, High carbon steel

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## Gurkha Ceremonial (Gurkha Contingent, SPF)

*It is one of the standard issue khukuris of the famous Singapore Police Force Gurkha Contingent or "SPFGC" of the year 2009 worn on parade (March Past) and on duty..*



- **BLADE SIZE** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 535 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 725 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1075 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Collection, Decoration, Gift, Military, Regular work, Show Piece
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, KTM, Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Mirror Polish

The Gurkha Contingent or "GC" is a line department of the "Singapore Police Force". Members of the GC are trained to be highly-skilled and are selected for their display of strong discipline and dedication in their tasks. The principal role of the contingent is to be a special guard force, and is currently used as a counter-terrorist force.

The GC was formed on 9 April 1949 in the wake of Indian independence from the British Empire, where Gurkhas battalions from the British Indian Army were divided between the Indian Army and the British Army. Those transferred to the British Army were posted to other remaining British Colonies, and Singapore being one of them.

After Singapore gain independence from the British, GC played a crucial role in controlling riots and violence amongst the ethnic groups that threatened the very existence of the new born country. Their presence as a neutral force was important because local police officers were often perceived to be (or were even expected to be) biased towards their own ethnic groups when handling racial disturbances, further fueling discontent and violence. Thus the Gurkha

Contingent as an impartial force at the time stabilized the country and its sovereignty as personnel (Nepalese) in GC were Nepalese hailing from another country, religion and background. Nepalese were more than perfect and suited for the job and hence were integrated to the national security force of the country forming “Singapore Police Force Gurkha Contingent” or “SPFGC”.

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Gurkha Ceremonial or famously known as “Service Ceremonial” is a standard issue knife worn by SPFGC on parade (March Past) and on duty. It is with this kukri a Gurkha demonstrates his identity and by this kukri swears to put his duty above all. Like in the Gurkha Army this famed kukri knife stupendously distinguishes a Gurkha from others and has become an integral part of his official uniform.

The overall look of the khukuri is very shiny, from blade to handle to scabbard to the two small accompanying knives which is the reason why it is picked as the Dress Knife since smartness and discipline is very important. The scabbard is made from high quality extra shiny pattern leather to furnish intense shininess and smartness to the uniform and the carrier himself in whole. Gurkha Policemen also carry this khukuri on events like "Ceremonial Kukri Drill" and on special occasions attended by high-ranking state officers, VIP dignitaries, honorable guests etc. During the presentation they withdraw the khukuri from scabbard and hold it out for the guest to inspect.

Gurkha Ceremonial has a simple basic khukuri blade with brass fixtures. The blade is plain and simple with no stamping of any sort. It has Buffalo Horn handle fitted to go with the boots and belt of a carrying soldier. The 10” approx. long blade is highly polished to go with the shiny patent leather scabbard. A rat tail tang goes through the handle (hidden) which is peened over at the brass pommel (butt cap). A protective brass chape (tip) is also fitted in the scabbard for support and good look. Two accompanying knives “Karda (Small Knife)” and “Chakmak (Sharpener)” are also highly polished. The patent leather frog in which a standard issue belt goes through is fitted using black rivets (7 altogether in each loop; 3 pairs and 1 single).

A Gurkha, be it in Singapore Police Force or Gurkha Army, his Ceremonial kukri has always been with him since generations. It is this worthy khukuri he carries that distinguishes him from the rest and assists him earning respect and appreciation from his adversaries at the same time.

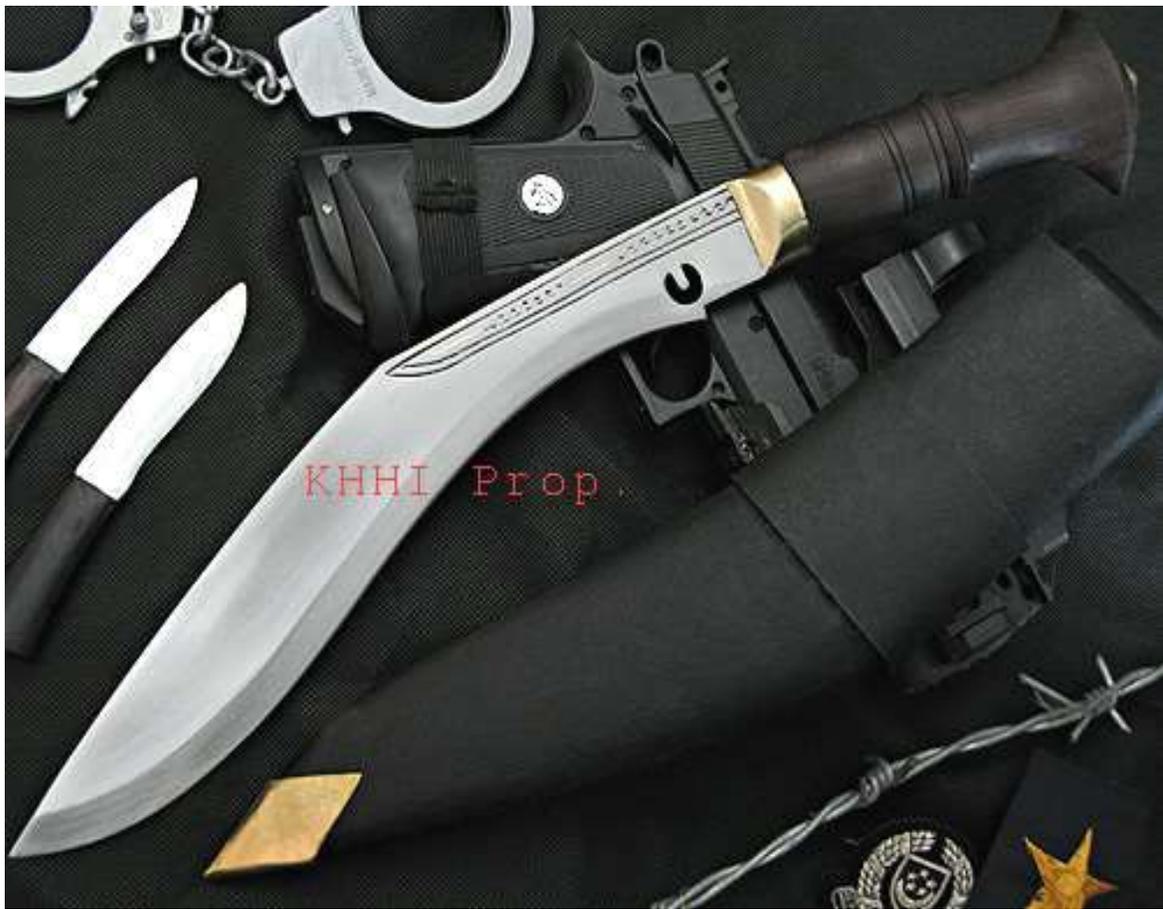
#### **Materials / Features:**

Patent leather scabbard, water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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#### **Gurkha Jungle (Gurkha Contingent, SPF)**

*It is the second standard issue khukuri of the famous Singapore Police Force Gurkha Contingent or “SPFGC” of the year 2009 for training, exercise, assignment and special tasks..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 11 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 8mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 500 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 725 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1075 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Attacking, Combat, Defending, Domestic Use, Jungle Warfare, Lethal, Military, Outdoor, Regular work, Stabbing, Trekking
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, KTM, Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Unpolish

The Gurkha Contingent or “GC” is a line department of the “Singapore Police Force”. Members of the GC are trained to be highly-skilled and are selected for their display of strong discipline and dedication in their tasks. The principal role of the contingent is to be a special guard force, and is currently used as a counter-terrorist force.

The GC was formed on 9 April 1949 in the wake of Indian independence from the British Empire, where Gurkhas battalions from the British Indian Army were divided between the Indian Army and the British Army. Those transferred to the British Army were posted to other remaining British Colonies, and Singapore being one of them.

After Singapore gain independence from the British, GC played a crucial role in controlling riots and violence amongst the ethnic groups that threatened the very existence of the new born country. Their presence as a neutral force was important because local police officers were often perceived to be (or were even expected to be) biased towards their own ethnic groups when handling racial disturbances, further fueling discontent and violence. Thus the Gurkha Contingent as an impartial force at the time stabilized the country and its sovereignty as personnel (Nepalese) in GC were Nepalese hailing from another country, religion and background. Nepalese were more than perfect and suited for

the job and hence were integrated to the national security force of the country forming “Singapore Police Force Gurkha Contingent” or “SPFGC”.

It is the second standard issue khukuri of the famous Singapore Police Force Gurkha Contingent or “SPFGC” of the year 2009. Personnel are issued with this full unpolished kukri knife for training, exercise, assignment and for special tasks.

Unlike the British Gurkha “Jungle” version, this khukuri of SPFGC is completely different, made in “ChainPure” version. The selection committee has decided to go with this type of khukuri probably to easily differentiate it from the parade version and perhaps to distinguish it from the British Gurkha’s type.

The blade is 11 inches long, totally unpolished from tip to ricasso forged in the village model the “ChainPure” having the regular closed notch. The pointed nozzle in front of the notch is the blood dripper. The blade also has the regular brass inlay pattern of the ChainPure. A rat tail tang goes through the handle (hidden) which is peened over at the brass keeper at the extreme end of the handle. The regular metallic bolster is discarded and replaced by an ace-shaped keeper to secure the tang at the butt section. Fine contours of the handle also provide easy and strong hold.

The total unpolished format of the blade also comes as an advantage as it enhances the cutting ability and durability of the blade as losing of temper is prevented by avoiding the long machinery process undertaken to polish it.

The scabbard is plain and simple made from water buffalo hide. It has a single loop belt holder (frog) for the belt to go through. A protective brass chape (tip) is also fitted in the scabbard for support and look.

It comes with two small accompanying knives; the KARDA (small utility knife) and CHAKMAK (sharpener), both totally unpolished and made in wooden handle like the mother blade.

The ChainPure format in which the “Gurkha Jungle 2009” is made from is a lighter and slender version. This version has been specifically chosen to ease the work and carry load for a policeman. Moreover with the addition of 1 inch to the standard 10 inch long gives more coverage and range.

It is an all-out all-purpose utility knife that carries the history, and also has all characters of an assault knife.

#### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, unpolished Indian rosewood handle, 2 x small knives

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#### **Service No.1 (British Gurkhas Ceremonial)**

*The first standard issue khukuri of the British Gurkhas of the year 2009 worn by Gurkha soldiers on parade and on duty..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9.5mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 575 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 775 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1125 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Collection, Decoration, Gift, Military, Regular work, Show Piece
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, KTM Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Mirror Polish

It is one of the standard issue khukuris of the legendary British Gurkhas of the year 2009.

Service Ceremonial or Dress knife, and also known as the “No.1 Khukuri” in army vocabulary is a standard issue khukuri worn by Gurkha soldiers on parade and on duty. It is this modern day kukri that stupendously distinguishes a Gurkha from others and has become an integral part of a Gurkha’s official uniform.

KHHI’s extensive research into the standard issues of the Gurkhas has led to the opening of this new chapter (category) containing the standard issues of the year 2009 (current year) as in each year new khukuris are selected for new recruits through official tender. Basically the selected khukuris are from the same old template however the shape of the blade and some minute changes in the set may occur each year. The selection committee selects the best verifying all details from the requirements of the tender and the same is issued to all freshers.

At this time we cordially request you to visit this [link](#) to find out more info on the “Service Ceremonial” kukri. It would briefly guide you to the formation and background of the knife.

Like its old counterparts the overall look of the khukuri is very shiny, from blade to handle to scabbard to the two small accompanying knives which is the reason why it is picked as the Dress Knife since smartness and discipline is very important,. However unlike its predecessors this Service Ceremonial has no “Nepal” and “Recruitment Date” stamped in the blade. The scabbard is made from high quality extra shiny pattern leather to furnish intense shininess and smartness to the uniform and the carrier himself in whole. Gurkhas also carry this khukuri on events like "Ceremonial Kukri Drill" and on special army occasions attended by high-ranking military officers, VIP dignitaries, honorable guests etc. During the presentation they withdraw the khukuri from scabbard and hold it out for the guest to inspect.

A soldier retains his “Service Ceremonial” throughout his army career (Other ranks) as a soldier and is a prize possession after retirement.

Service Ceremonial has a simple basic khukuri blade with brass fixtures. It has Buffalo Horn handle fitted to go with the boots and belt of a carrying soldier. The 10.5” long blade is highly polished to go with the shiny patent leather scabbard. The blade unlike the previous ones is slightly broader and has a steep peak. The overall panel of the blade is wider comparatively to the earlier issues. A rat tail tang goes through the handle (hidden) which is peened over at the brass pommel (butt cap). A protective brass chape (tip) is also fitted in the scabbard for support and good look. Two accompanying knives “Karda (Small Knife)” and “Chakmak (Sharpener)” are also highly polished.

The patent leather frog is another aspect of the khukuri that has been changed. The adjustable “Brass Bottom” at the back of the frog is removed and replaced by black rivets (7 altogether in each loop; 3 pairs and 1 single).

Service Ceremonial is mainly a decorative kukri to honor the most formidable soldiers, a collectible item of the legendary Gurkhas and an iconic souvenir with historic significance and country’s pride to take back home as a memento to pay one’s respect and tribute to the Gurkhas, or even as gift for loved ones from Nepal that no other things could compete or surpass.

### **Materials / Features:**

Patent leather scabbard, water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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### **Service No.2 (British Gurkhas Training)**

*The second standard issue of the British Gurkhas of the year 2009 for training, exercise, assignment and for combat sometimes..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9.5mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 600 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 800 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1150 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Domestic Use, Hunting, Jungle Warfare, Military, Outdoor, Regular work, Trekking
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, KTM Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** ;Military\_Standard-Issue\_LATEST
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Unpolish

It is one (second) of the standard issue khukuris of the legendary British Gurkhas of the year 2009. Recruits are issued with this full unpolished kukri knife for training, exercise, assignment and for combat sometimes.

The inclusion of Service Ceremonial (no.1 khukuri) into standard issued kukri knives in early 1990's also brought the initiation or need for a rough utility knife for actually using that was filled in by the Service No.2 or the Training Knife, also know as the No.2 Sarkhari khukuri in army vocabulary. And consequently Service No.2 was also made the second issue khukuri to all new recruits by army officials. Now from early 1990's, like never before a new soldier would get 2 khukuri as per the choice and requirement of the army standard from the appointed local contractors. The same "Jungle" knife that soldiers bought in past was upgraded and made a part of standard issued khukuris to the Gurkhas. This action by army is primarily executed to bring more uniformity and tidiness, be it in "Parade" or in "raw Terrain".

Like its old counterparts the khukuri is totally unpolished from tip to tail including its two small accompanying knives.

However unlike its predecessors the blade is slightly thicker and wider with a steep peak. A rat tail tang goes through the handle (hidden) which is peened over at the brass pommel (butt cap). The blade is identical to Service No.1 2009, totally unpolished however. Any kind of stamping is also not done. The total unpolished format also comes as an advantage as it enhances the cutting ability and durability of the blade as losing of temper is prevented by avoiding the long machinery process undertaken to polish a blade.

The scabbard is plain and simple made from water buffalo hide. It has double loop belt holder (frog) with a fasten-up system. The double loops are secured by black rivets for a strong fixture. A protective brass chape (tip) is also fitted in the scabbard for support and look.

The unpolished horn handle of the Jungle provides better grip and easier handling too. Some No.2s are also camouflaged by green cotton cloth or similar materials by soldiers for warfare to ensemble with their uniform and not to attract any unwanted attention.

Service No.2 because of its typical look, special feature and very close association with the legendary Gurkhas is one of the best sellers of all times. It is an all-out all-purpose utility knife that carries the history, and also has all characters of an assault knife.

**Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, unpolished water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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