

Noshaq, but others turned back some 500 feet lower because of bad weather.

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*Noshaq.* A group of 53 Europeans, organized in Italy by Beppe Tenti with technical direction by Reinhold Messner, invaded the Qazi Deh valley and placed Base Camp at the foot of Noshaq. Climbing activities were concentrated on Kharposht-e-Yakhi (18,700 feet), climbed up its south side from Base Camp; Aspe-Safed (21,677 feet) climbed from a Camp II in the 20,350-foot col between it and Noshaq; and Noshaq (24,580 feet). The latter was climbed via the west spur with camps at 18,000, 20,675 and 22,950 feet. On August 11 Messner reached the summit with Claudio Bergamo, Sergio Bigarella and Renato Mamini. The climb was repeated on August 15 by Frenchman Michel Parmentier, and Austrians Willy Ruprecht and Alfred Virant and Giuse Locana, who set an altitude record for Italian women.

*Peaks near Noshaq.* Our expedition from Berchtesgaden was composed of Herbert Eglauer, Albert Steinbacher, Heini Brandner, Sepp Rasp, Roland Bannert, Manfred Hillebrand, Gerd Gsottschneider, Reiner Maier und Udo Blaes. On July 4 Hillebrand, Rasp and I climbed Aspe-Safed I (21,349 feet) from the north with camps at 17,000 and 19,500 feet. On July 7 Eglauer, Steinbacher, Brandner and Bannert made the first ascent of Aspe-Safed IV (20,145 feet). We climbed from the north up a 2300-foot 55° to 60° ice couloir to a col and thence up the northwest ridge to the summit. Because of bad weather we had two bivouacs. On July 10 Eglauer, Hillebrand, Gsottschneider and I made a ski ascent of Karposht-e-Yakhi (18,688 feet). The next day Steinbacher repeated the ascent with Blaes and Maier remaining 350 feet below the top. On July 15 Eglauer and Gsottschneider climbed 17,160-foot Rakhe Kuchek I by its south face, a new route. Eglauer went on alone to make the second ascent of Rakhe Kuchek II (17,390 feet). On July 16 Steinbacher and I got the middle peak of Noshaq (24,115 feet) with camps at 17,700, 20,350 and 23,000 feet.

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*Koh-e-Urgund-e-Payan.* Six of our Sport Eiselin group climbed previously ascended Koh-e-Urgund-e-Payan (20,091 feet). We ascended the steep glacier left (east) of the Swiss spur. Base Camp was at 15,100 feet at the foot of the spur. We had two high camps. On August 19 Fräulein Dr. Veronika Marz and Sepp Loretz made the top; on August 21 Fräulein Alice Landtwing, Frau Ruth Steinmann, Erich Vanis and I. Lack of time turned Duane Ewers and Jean-Louis Barbey back shortly below the top. We had only ten days for the whole climb.

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