

weather and objective dangers compelled them to give up the attempt in mid July. This mountain has no safe route.

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*Ultar (Bojohagur Duanasir II) Attempt and Hunza Peak Ascent.* Our expedition composed of Britons Victor Saunders, Crag Jones, Julian Freeman-Attwood and me and American Steve Sustad attempted to climb Ultar I (7388 meters, 24,240 feet) in July. Saunders and Sustad explored a remote valley difficult of access on the southeast side of Ultar. They decided against the southeast spur, finding that the conditions were not suitable. Instead they made an attempt slanting from left to right across the southeast face, heading for the upper section of the east ridge. After three days of climbing, a broken crampon and a broken ice axe forced a retreat. At the same time Jones and I attempted a line on the south ridge that the Japanese had tried in 1990. We climbed alpine-style and did not fix ropes or set up camps as the Japanese had. After five days, we reached a high point of 6500 meters on July 31 at the base of the summit buttress. Bad weather forced a retreat. Prior to this, Jones and I made the first ascent of Hunza Peak (6200 meters, 20,342 feet). We ascended from the Hasanabad Glacier to the col between Hunza Peak and Bublomotung and climbed the southwest ridge from there. We took three days for the climb. We also climbed Bublomotung from the col. This mountain had been climbed ten days earlier by a Swedish team.

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*Ultar (Bojohagur Duanasir II) Attempt and Tragedy.* Our nine-member expedition was led by my husband Tsuneo Hasegawa, whose expedition last year attempted unclimbed Ultar (Bojohagur Duanasir II; 7388 meters, 24,240 feet) but had to give up 300 meters from the summit. We again in 1991 attempted the south ridge. Base Camp was established at 3300 meters on August 26 by Kiyotaka Hoshino, Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Mitsuru Shiraishi, Narimitsu Kawasaki, Tsutomu Sugisaka and me. We placed Camp I at 4900 meters on the 26th. My husband Tsuneo Hasegawa, Osamu Tagaya, Kenji Ota and liaison officer Nazir Sabir arrived at Base Camp on September 12. Above Camp I, the route entered a wide gully. Despite frequent rockfall and avalanches, we established Camp II on the ridge on September 15 at 5450 meters. We followed the ridge to 5900 meters and climbed steep ice above to place Camp III at 6000 meters on October 3. On October 6, my husband and Hoshino climbed to the site of Camp IV at 6500 meters and returned to Camp I for a rest. On the 10th, they started back up for Camp II and were overwhelmed by an avalanche and swept from 5350 to 4000 meters to their deaths. The expedition was abandoned.

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*Sani Pakhush.* German Hubert Bleicher led five Germans who climbed Sani Pakhush (6885 meters, 22,590 feet). Details are lacking.