

*Baintha Brakk (Ogre) Attempt and Tragedy.* Our expedition hoped to climb the south buttress of Baintha Brakk. We were Swiss Phillip Groebke, Germans Michael Wärthl, Jochen Haase, Ansgar Baving, Florian Köfferlein and I. We got to Base Camp at 4500 meters on August 5. Despite two weeks of miserable weather, we fixed rope on the buttress up to 6100 meters on mixed rock and ice. Our plan was to continue up the route alpine-style in two teams of three climbers each. Two attempts on 5.10, A2, which reached 6200 meters, failed because of bad weather. On August 28, when the weather seemed to improve, we started our last attempt. The next day, Groebke fell while jumaring and was killed immediately. He was out of sight when he fell and so nobody witnessed what happened. We gave up any further efforts.

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*Bojohaghur II (Ultrar) Attempt, 1992.* A Japanese three-man expedition, led by Toshio Narita, attempted to climb Bojohaghur II, which is also known as Ultrar, (7388 meters, 24,240 feet) from Ahmad Abad Glacier. After placing Base Camp at 4000 meters on July 30, they attacked the southeast buttress. They worked their way up to 5400 meters, but the weather continued so bad that they felt the route was unclimbable under the conditions that prevailed and gave up in late August, 1992.

*Ultrar Attempt.* After acclimatizing by climbing the neighbor peak Bublomotin from the Hassanabad side, Geir Arne Bore, Jan Ivar Bøe, Kim Tophøj Olsen and I attempted Ultrar, hoping to reach the south ridge via the east face. This was similar to the Japanese and British routes. We established Camp I at 4900 meters and on July 8, Camp II at 5400 meters. After five days of bad weather, we climbed in dangerous snow conditions to establish Camp III at 5800 meters on July 13. Another four days of heavy snowfall followed during which one of us suffered from frostbite. After 16 days, we withdrew from the east face. During the descent in another snowstorm, another one of us miraculously survived with only minor injuries when he was swept off unroped and fell 150 meters.

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*Sani Pakkush Tragedy.* This 6952-meter (22,808-foot) peak, which lies 15 kilometers northwest of Batura, had been previously climbed by Germans in 1991. Five Japanese led by Tetsu Ogasa hoped to make the second ascent. On July 11, Ogasa and Satoshi Takahashi were killed when overwhelmed by an avalanche at Camp III and Masao Uehira was injured.

*Malubiting West Attempt.* Ten Spaniards led by Jaume Campolier failed in their bid to climb Malubiting West.

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