

Shaukat). As the group started descending, an avalanche caught Rehmat Ullah Baig and Shambi Khan, who were behind the other members checking the sight of CII, and carried them down almost to BC. Luckily, the rest of the members remained safe from the avalanche. Aman Khan immediately informed BC about the accident. At BC, Muhammad Nasir Awan and Rajab Shah canceled their own program to come up at CII and rushed to rescue the injured. After ten minutes, Rehmat Ullah Baig contacted them by walkie-talkie and told them that he and Shambi Khan were OK. Nasir Awan and Rajab Shah soon reached Rehmat Ullah Baig and Shambi Khan and transported them slowly to BC. Shambi Khan was seriously injured and bleeding from his wounds. The rest of the team also reached the base safely, bringing with them the remaining equipment from CII. They took more than seven hours to descend because the avalanche had totally destroyed the climbing route. After this accident, the third group canceled their summit bid and the expedition was ended. All members of the expedition were in good health by the time they reached Islamabad on March 5.

MUHAMMAD NASIR AWAN, *Pakistan*

*Sani Pakush, Attempt.* It was reported that Andy Benson, Kenton Cool, Rich Cross and Al Powell attempted the ca. 2600-meter west buttress of Sani Pakush (6885m), the pyramidal peak north of Chalt on the watershed between the Kukuay and Batura glaciers north of Broad Peak. Three consecutive towers make up the lower section of the ridge. The team climbed and fixed the first tower in early August in 800 meters of mixed and rock climbing up to British HVS. After a return to BC in 16 rappels, the four began a continuous push on August 11, nearly getting hit by ibex-instigated rock fall en route. They ascended the second tower with one pitch of E1 5b and reached the bottom of the third tower on the third day. On the fourth day, they managed five mixed and rock pitches up to E3 5c before rockfall cut one of their ropes. Their high point of ca. 5600 meters was 400 meters short of where the buttress joins the south ridge, from where it is another 800 meters of 30° snow to the summit. (*High Mountain Sports* 196)

*Broad Peak, Attempt and Tragedy.* Eric Escoffier and Pascal Bessi res (F) were last seen on the summit ridge of Broad Peak (8047m) on July 29 by Poitr Putzelnik and Ryszard Pawlowski, members of a Polish expedition. The two were climbing up to a col at ca. 7800 meters when they saw Escoffier and Bessi res moving slowly upward on the ridge above. "It was a snow storm and they had a long way to go for the final summit. They were on the ridge at approximately 8000 meters," said one of the Polish climbers. The search was abandoned when Pakistani Ashraf Aman returned from a futile attempt to locate the two French climbers. The third member of the French expedition, Jean-Fran ois Lassalle, managed to come down with the Polish team. The French shared a climbing permit for the normal route with Slovakian and Italian climbers.

ASEM MUSTAFA AWAN, *The Nation, Pakistan*

*Savoia Kangri, Attempt.* It was reported that Nick Bullock, Julian Cartwright, Jamie Fisher, Ewan and Ruairidh Pringle, Paul Schweizer and Alan Swann (U.K) attempted to make the first ascent of Savoia Kangri (7263m) via the southeast face in July. They deviated from the