

top, then downclimbed the *French Direct* route on the southwest face. With Toshiyuki Hirose, Suzuki then established a new line on the southwest face of Santa Cruz. On June 24, they left ABC (5000m), reaching the summit the next day. They graded the route TD+.

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*Shaqsha, South-Southeast Face.* On May 23, Xavier Carrard, Abel Calana, Juan Morales, Marcos Niño, Franco Obando, Hector Reyes, César Vargas and Aritza made a possible first ascent with their route *Feliz Cumpleaños Momo* (85° IV+, 700m) on the south-southeast face of Shaqsha (Shacsha, 5703m). From a camp at 4990 meters in the Quebrada Rurec, the group climbed the route and returned to Base Camp in a 17-hour push.

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*Nevado Rúrec, Brevete Seguro.* On May 23, Koki Castañeda, Williams Dávalos, Saúl Angeles, Chinchilla Zárate, Toni Ortiz and Félix Vicencio made a possible first ascent on Nevado Rúrec (5700m) via the southwest ridge of the south face. The route, *Brevete Seguro* (max. 60° ice and snow; 90° to reach the summit), took 14 hours round-trip from a camp at 4600 meters on the moraine of the Quebrada Rurec.

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*Huantsán, North Face, New Route.* Slovenian climbers Grega Lačen, Matej Flis and Iztok Mihev climbed a new route on the north face of Huantsan (6395m). They entered the face on June 29 at midnight and reached the top at 8 p.m. the next day. They arrived back at Base Camp one day later in the afternoon. The route, *Koroska* (VI 6a+ M4/5 85°, 1400m), was named after the climbers' province. The climbing was carried out under huge seracs and was very dangerous. They did most of the climbing at night. During the day, they stayed in a snow hole. Rock pitches were surprisingly compact, but the snow was very loose. They wanted to rappel the route, but serac fall forced them to traverse to the north summit and descend down the North Ridge (TD-, Booi-j-Egeler-Terray).

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*Ishinca, Northwest Face, Magic Mushrooms.* On July 6, while still acclimatizing in the Ishinca valley, Vasja Kosuta and I established the new route *Magic Mushrooms* (IV 80°, 500m) on the northwest face of Ishinca (5530m). We started early in the morning from our Advanced Base Camp at the lake near the Ishinca Glacier. We were very close to the beginning of our climb. After approximately half an hour's walk over the moraine, we started climbing. We began with about 150 meters of not very steep ground (40-45°). Then, somewhere in the middle, it became steeper and we had to climb a steep slope with a little snow, in some places mixed (70°). After that we reached a big barrier of overhanging seracs (quite scary!) and started a long traverse to the left under the seracs on a slope the angle of which was 50 to 60 degrees. We wanted to climb vertical ice at the left end of the seracs, but the ice was very bad, so we decided to climb the rock to the left (initially 80°, then IV- for 15m). From there, we continued over the upper snow field (50°) to the top of the mountain (after digging through the snow cornice, 70°). It took us seven hours to reach the summit and another two or three to return to camp.

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