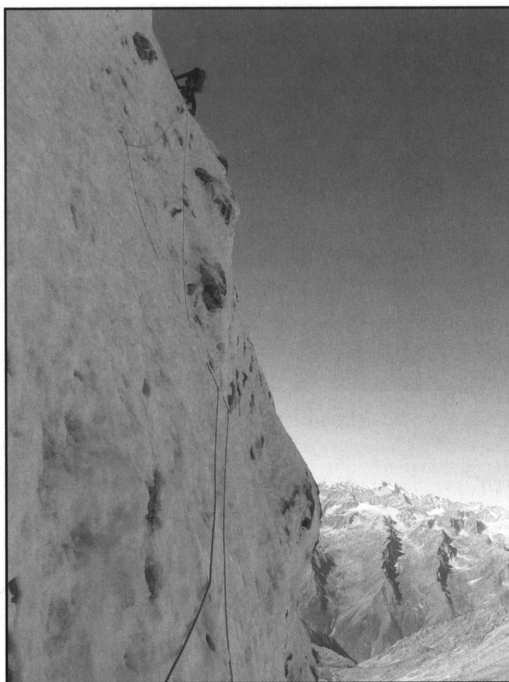


Next day started fine, but, as we made a 10-minute ascent to the summit, a storm was building in the west. Prior to the expedition we had been unsure how to get off Gojung, but once in the valley we decided on a pleasing-looking, though long, descent to the north. Rappelling the ascent line would not have been aesthetically pleasing so, despite incoming weather, we committed to the original plan. Having made a tricky descent northeast to the col between Gojung and Peak 6,264m, we bivouacked and next day crossed the virgin 6,264m and continued north along the frontier ridge. With the weather still not clear, we were forced to bivouac again. Fortunately, we awoke to a perfect dawn and started down the previously scoped line on the west flank. After a long day we reached the valley floor and bivouacked for our eighth night. A tedious slog across glacier and snow-covered moraine then saw us reunited with the rest of the team.

In the meantime Desroy and Ratcliffe had explored the head of the valley and climbed an unnamed 5,800m peak on the frontier, west of the Kojichuwa La, which gave a loose scramble but fine views of Tibet and Kojichuwa Chuli. They also attempted unclimbed Peak 5,623m, on the east side of the valley, but retreated a few ropelengths below a col at the base of an easy-looking summit ridge, when snow and ice slopes disappeared into some of the worst rock imaginable.

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Mick Fowler on scenic rising traverse on upper face. Dave Turnbull

KANJIROBA HIMAL

Roma (5,407m) and Danphe Sail (6,103m), attempts. Veteran Japanese explorer Tamotsu Ohnishi, with a Japanese companion and a Sherpa, planned to attempt Roma (5,407m), southwest of Saipal, and Danphe Sail, north of Kanjiroba on the Tibet border. Ohnishi had wanted to attempt Danphe Sail during an expedition in West Nepal in 2009 (AAJ 2010).

Approaching Roma during April via Chainpur and Dhuli, the team was stopped at 3,800m when unable to cross a gorge. They retreated and headed for Danphe Sail. In May and June the three established base camp below the south side of the mountain at 3,900m and Camp 1 at 4,200m. Ohnishi was ill from insect bites on his feet that had become infected, and they abandoned the climb. Both peaks have been on the permitted list since 2002 but are officially unclimbed. Ohnishi's were the first recorded "attempts."

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