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Nyambo Konka, Southeast Face and Northeast Ridge

China, Sichuan, Daxue Shan – Minya Konka Range

On October 28, Koreans Kang Jong-jin, Kim Dong-jin, and Kim Young-yong made the first ascent of Nyambo Konka (6,114m). The nine-member expedition, led by Gang Sung-khu, approached via the Bawang Valley to the south of the mountain. They climbed the southeast flank to reach the crest of the northeast ridge at the 5,596m low point between Nyambo Konka and Peak 6,124m. The ridge above, sharp at first, merges into the broad, glaciated northeast face, which the three summiters followed to the rounded top, arriving at 6 p.m.

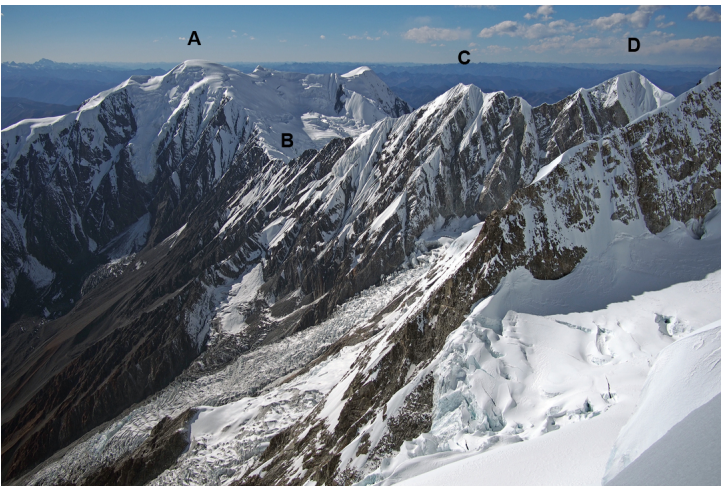
Mark Jenkins and Ross Lynn (USA) attempted this side of the mountain in 2005 but failed to reach the northeast ridge. Another attempt, via the central south ridge, was also abandoned. Jenkins returned in 2009 as part of a four-person team and attempted a similar route to the Korean line, but found the northeast ridge too corniced and crevassed to continue safely (AAJ 2010).

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Images



Nyambo Konka seen from Peak 6,124m to the northeast. The route climbed by the Korean team in 2015 reached the crest of the ridge falling toward the camera from the far side, then followed it and the broken glaciated slopes above to the rounded snow dome summit.



Looking west from San Lian Southeast. (A) Nyambo Konka (6,114m). (B) Col 5,596m. (C) Peak 6,124m southwest summit. (D) Peak 6,124m. The 2015 Korean expedition climbed the rocky southeast face to Col 5,596m, and then continued southwest up the snow arête and final broad, glaciated face to the summit.

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