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Link Sar, East Face, Attempt

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Steve Swenson, Chris Wright, and I spent the summer close to the junction of the Kaberi and Kondus glaciers, near the border with India. While ultimately unsuccessful in our goal of climbing the east face of Link Sar (7,041m) due to bad weather, hard climbing, and complex route-finding on a dangerous face, the trip was amazing. The peaks near the Actual Ground Position Line between India and Pakistan (many of which remain closed) offer incredible potential—to lay eyes upon them was a real treat. Huge thanks to all the team's sponsors as well as the Mazamas, Mount Everest Foundation, Mugs Stump Award, and New Zealand Alpine Club for their support.

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Images



Looking south down the Kondus Valley from the lower flanks of Link Sar's east face. The conspicuous pointed rock tower on the right was dubbed Alison Peak by a 2017 Italian expedition but remains unclimbed.



Beautiful rock peaks near the start of the Kondus Valley. The striking tower in right center is Tahir Tower, climbed in 2000 by Americans Dave Anderson, Jimmy Chin, Steph Davis, and Brady Robinson.



Chris Wright working hard on steep mixed ground during a stormy attempt on Link Sar's east face.

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