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In August 2019, Ukrainians Alexey Litovchenko, Yaroslav Reva, and Vladimir Roshko put up a new route on the north face (Sindaura Wall) of Agmashenebeli (3,854m). This face is considered perhaps the most difficult—and on one of the highest peaks—of the Chaukhi massif. (The Chaukhi is a group of mountains east of the highest and best-known peaks of the Caucasus.) After starting up the first two pitches of the 2006 Tatarashvili Route (also used by the 2015 Badriashvili-Tepnadze Route), the new line continues straight up between the Badriashvili-Tepnadze (strictly the northeast face) and the 1982 Lukashvili, the original route on the northwest face.

After a day scoping the wall, the three began on August 20, made two bivouacs on the face, reached the summit at midday on the 22nd, and made a third bivouac on the descent of the west ridge to Chaukhi North Pass via a crossing of Pik Pirosmeni (3,858m). The route, named MiF (after their climbing coach, Mityukhin Fedor) has 760m of elevation gain and about 1,000m of climbing. There were 17 roped pitches on rock that was sometimes quite loose. Seven of these involved aid, up to A3, and the overall grade was 5B.

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Images



Agmashenebeli (3,854m) from the east and the line of the 2019 Ukrainian route MiF. About half a dozen previous routes ascend this face, including the 2015 Badriashvili-Tepnadze Route, just to the left.



MiF (2019) on the north pillar of Agmashenebeli (3,854m) in the Chaukhi Range. About half a dozen previous routes ascend this face, including the Badriashvili-Tepnadze Route (2015), just to the left.



Following pitch four of the new route MiF on the north pillar of Agmashenebeli. Vladimir Roshko



Pitch two of the new route MiF on the north pillar of Agmashenebeli.

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