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Pik 5,265m (Czechoslovak Legions Peak)

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A group that I led visited the Komansu Valley in August and climbed a minor peak of 5,265m (39°23'59"N, 72°49'15"E) between 60 Years of October Pass and 30 Years of Uzbek SSR Peak. Its icy summit is clearly visible from the last pastures in the valley, at 4,050m, and the western ridge is the obvious route to the summit. In good snow conditions you simply follow the ridge (up to 45°, 2A). If there is ice you might need a rope, ice axes, and ice screws in steep sections, and it could be 2B. We found large crevasses under the summit that we passed on the right-hand side. From the summit you get fantastic views over the Komansu Valley to the west and across to nearby Lenin Peak (7,134m) in the east.

Back in Osh we discussed our climb with Kyrgyz and Kazakh climbers who think this peak might have remained unclimbed in previous years, as it is not very high. We gave it the name Czechoslovak Legions Peak. The altitude on the old Soviet map is 5,265m, but according to our GPS it was 5,245m. The group was Antonin Borovka, David Brezovjak, Stanislav Cmiel, Leszek Kocurek, Marketa Rusniokova, Zdenek Skorepa, Tomas Walach, and Lucie Zaklasnikova.

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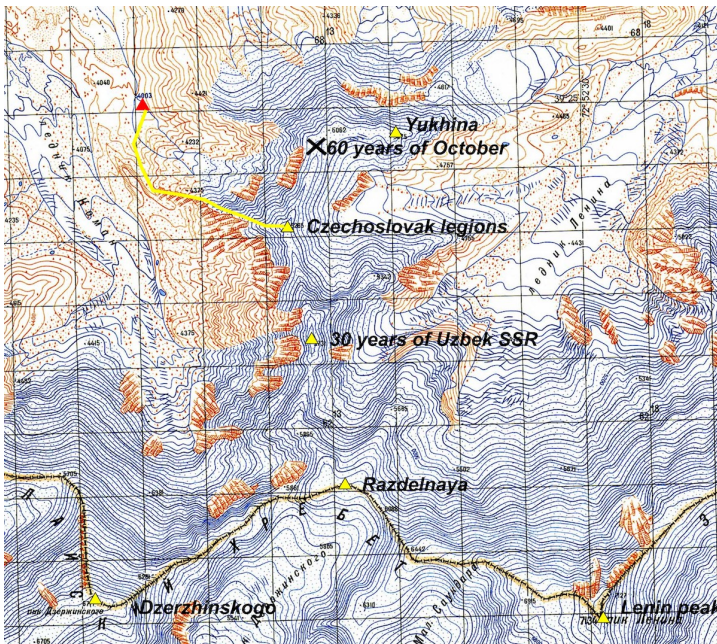
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The impressive view from Czechoslovak Legions Peak (Pik 5,265m) toward Pik Lenin and other high summits of the Pamir.



The 2021 route up Pik 5,265m (Czechoslovak Legions Peak), along the western ridge.



Map showing the route up Pik 5,265m (Czechoslovak Legions Peak) in the Zaalaisky Range.

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