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### **Chekigo, South Face to East Ridge**

Nepal, Rolwaling Himal

Members of the Spanish female mountaineering team near Tashi Lapcha Pass. Photo by Marc Subirana

**The Spanish women's mountaineering team was operating in the Rolwaling at the same time as the men's team was in the Dorje Lhakpa region.** (See the report from the men's team here.) Our expedition lasted from the beginning of October to November 5, with "base camp" established in one of the comfortable guest houses in the village of Na at 4,183m.

We first climbed Yalung Ri (5,650m) and went to 6,100m on Parchamo for acclimatization, then sought refuge in Na during a period of bad weather. When it improved, we went for our main objective, Chekigo (6,257m). We wanted to repeat the Alegre-Baró route Sopeti on the south face and climb a more direct start to the French Route on the southeast face of Chekigo Sano (6,121m). However, both attempts failed due to the heavy snow deposition.

As our last chance, we opted to try a new line on the right side of the south face of Chekigo, which Mikel Zabalza had noticed during a previous visit. The first half was a rocky buttress, while the second had snow, ice, and seracs at the top. On October 30, Laia Duaigu es, Nieves Gil, and I climbed this line in a 22-hour push from a camp at a little over 5,000m (1,000m, TD), reaching the east-northeast ridge but then having to turn back (at around 6,000m) due to strong winds.

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## Images



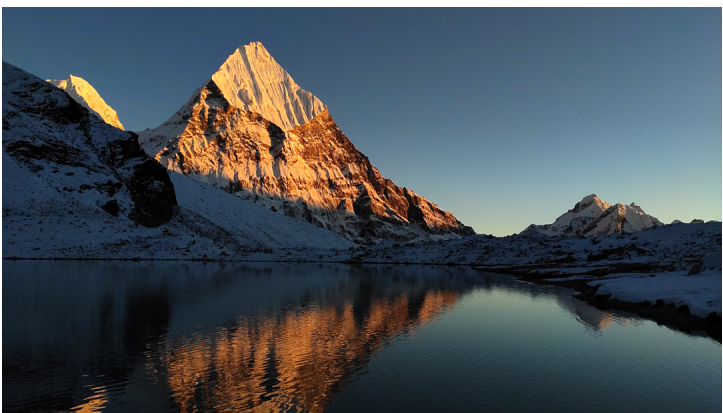
Chekigo seen from Na, with the new Spanish route. For routes to the left on this face, see AAJ 2015.  
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Laia Duaigües and Nieves Gil high on the south face of Chekigo with the Rolwaling Valley below. The flat-topped peak above Tsho Rolpa lake is Likhu Chuli (twin summited; 6,719m Shar on the left, and 6,659m Nup), while the prominent pyramid to the right is Chugimago (6,258m).



Approaching the crest of the east ridge of Chekigo, with the west ridge of Kang Nachugo (6,737m) to the right.



The northwest face of Chobutse (6,686m) catches the setting sun. This face was climbed for the first time in October 2021 by Slovenians.



On the Rolwaling side of the Tashi Lapcha Pass stands the recently erected David Lama bivouac shelter, seen here with the chaotic northwest flank of Likhu Chuli Shar (6,719m, summit up to right).



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