

# Serap Ist Nepalese to make K-2 summit



**Nepalese climber Serap Jangbu Sherpa holding the Nepalese flag on the summit of K-2 on July 31.**

ISLAMABAD – Serap Jangbu a Sherpa from Solukhumbu, Khumjung-3, is the first Nepalese to scale K-2.

He did the incredible with the Korean expedition of which seven climbers made the summit (five Koreans, 1 Nepalese and one member of the American expedition).

Thirty-one-year-old is a veteran of six times reaching over 8,000 metres which resulted in three summits.

The three 8000ers to his name are Kanchenjunga (1999 Spring May 12), Shishapangma (1999 September 26), and K-2 (31st July 2000).

He is the second Nepalese after Ang Rita to climb Kanchenjunga

and has been on the peak twice, first time he made the summit and second time he pushed the group up to 8,000 metres.

He managed 8,400 metres on Everest, Makalu (1999 October Serap lost his cousin on Makalu and expedition was abandoned).

He entered the high altitude mountaineering business in 1989 as Sirdar.

The other Nepalese climbers are: Ang Babu Sherpa (Serap's younger brother), Ming Mar Tamang and Pasang Nam Gel Sherpa.

The three Sherpas are from Khumjung village and Mingmar Tamang is from Kherung Solukhumbu.

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