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UFO spotted by 2 climbers in Himalayas

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His climbing partner Doug Scott, a British schoolteacher, also saw the object, he said, as did a nearby joint Polish-British expedition, but at a different time.

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Messner and Scott scaled the 23,129-foot-high Chamblang central peak, but failed in their efforts to conquer — without oxygen equipment — the higher main peak. They both have climbed Mount Everest and other Himalayan mountains.

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