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A UFO ON TOP OF THE WORLD?

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Italian Reinhold Messner, one of the world's foremost mountaineers, says he watched a UFO "the size of a full moon" for nearly three hours while climbing in the Himalayas.

On his return to Katmandu after an unsuccessful attempt on 24,248-foot Mount Chamblang, he said he spotted the UFO as it drifted south into Nepal from Tibet

over the mighty snowcapped mountains.

"It was moving very slowly," he said. "It moved eastward and then went again southwest and drifted finally north into Tibet." His climbing partner Doug Scott, a British schoolteacher, also sighted the object, he said, as did a nearby joint Polish-British expedition, but at a different time.

"It could not be a satellite

because they move in an elliptical manner," he said. "The movements of this object were irregular."

Both Messner and Scott scaled the 23,129-foot-high Chamblang central peak, but failed in their efforts to conquer the higher main peak without oxygen.

Both Messner and Scott have conquered Mount Everest and other Himalayan mountains.