



# नेपाल पर्वतारोहण संघ NEPAL MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION



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## PRESS RELEASE

### Subject: Strong Objection to Misleading International Media Reports on Nepal's Mountain Tourism

The mountain tourism sector of Nepal, a globally respected symbol of courage, resilience, and excellence, strongly objects to a series of misleading and unverified reports published by certain international media outlets. This statement is issued to firmly address these claims and to inform the global climbers community and all stakeholders.

We unequivocally condemn the spread of false narratives regarding so-called "fake rescue operations" in Nepal's mountain tourism. These allegations, circulated through international print and electronic media, are baseless and irresponsible. Rescue operations during the mountaineering expeditions are carried out under extreme and often life-threatening conditions, with the sole priority of saving lives. Any attempt to label such operations as fraudulent without evidence is unacceptable.

We further state with full responsibility that there have been **no verified cases** of food poisoning or the alleged overdosing of Diamox (Acetazolamide) involving climbers in Nepal. We challenge any individual or organization making such claims to provide concrete and verifiable proof. Without such evidence, the publication of these reports constitutes the spread of **fake news**, not factual reporting.

Sherpas are renowned climbers worldwide and take immense pride and dignity in being among the highest level of prestigious mountaineering professionals. Their contribution to global mountaineering is unparalleled and deeply respected. Therefore, allegations accusing Sherpa climbers of poisoning or misusing Diamox are completely baseless and constitute false and damaging narratives. Such claims not only harm individuals but also disrespect the entire Sherpa climbing community. We strongly urge the concerned media to issue a formal apology for making and promoting such unfounded accusations against Sherpa climbers.

It is deeply concerning and unacceptable that certain entities continue to promote such misinformation, which damages the prestigious image of Nepal's mountain tourism industry. This industry represents the pride, livelihood, and international reputation of the nation.

Nepal's Himalayas, home to the world's highest peaks, have long been the ultimate destination for the global climbers community. Nepalese mountaineers, guides, and Sherpas are globally recognized for their unmatched expertise, bravery, and commitment. Their legacy is built on trust, sacrifice, and excellence.

As the climbing season begins, we extend a strong and sincere welcome to climbers from around the world to the Himalayas—your true climbing theatre. Nepalese mountaineering professionals are ready to welcome you with open arms, ensuring safety, integrity, and world-class support.



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We firmly urge all climbers from the global community not to trust such fake news and to continue their climbing projects with full confidence. We encourage reliance on verified and official information only.

Nepal remains fully committed to maintaining the highest standards in mountain tourism safety and service. We call upon international media to act responsibly and refrain from publishing unverified and damaging reports.

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