



The Nation File: Jamnik and Sloco before their departure to Gasherbrum-IV in 1995.

Sloco is not missing anymore

ISLAMABAD – The man who left an unfathomable impact on this scribe during his exclusive interview was Miroslav Svetic Sloco attempted G-IV solo.

Sloco from Slovenia and regarded as a specialist in the mountaineering world who went missing in his attempt in 1995 above 7,000 metres. He was last seen evading an avalanche and no more. Corean Alpine Club expedition celebrating the Golden Jubilee in 1995 mounted a helicopter operation for his search but failed.

Leader Cho Sung Dae who takes pride in having Sloco as a friend finally found the body after two years. "Yoo Hak-Jae (cameraman) found the clothing and

the backpack on the return and we are taking the Sloco's rope for identification. We found him at 7,000 metres – he evaded the avalanche but perished either of exhaustion or cold."

"Sloco also helped us," said emotional Cho adding, "Yoo Hak-Jae while descending cut his rope and was stranded at 6,200 metres. He used the Sloco's rope to come down."

"He (Sloco) helped us and we are proud to know him as our friend as well as climber. He was a great man."

The Corean Alpine Club also placed a memorial in the honour of the Slovenian climber, whose death has closed a chapter in the mountaineering world.