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Musa on top of Kilimanjaro

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Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi to conquer Mount Everest, put another feather in his cap by scaling Kibo, the highest summit of Kilimanjaro Mountain in Tanzania, on Monday at 10:48am along with co-mountaineer Niaz Morshed Patwari.

Kibo, locally known as Uhuru, is the highest peak of African continent and fourth highest among the Seven Summits -- the top seven peaks in the world. It is at 19,340 feet from the sea level.

By conquering Kilimanjaro, Musa Ibrahim, also a subeditor of The Daily Star, completed his second venture of his Seven Summit mission.

On May 23, 2010, he waved Bangladeshi flag atop the Everest.

Led by Musa, three members of North Alpine Club Bangladesh started their Kilimanjaro expedition on September 8 from Matchami gate point at 6,000 feet.

MA Sattar, third member of their team, returned from Baranco camp (13 thousand feet) due to high altitude sickness.

Musa and Niaz on September 11 reached Barafu camp, the last camp on the way to the summit, leaving behind Matchami, Shira and Baranco camps.

They started their summit push at 1:15am local time (10:15pm Sunday Bangladesh time) and finally, after six hours and 33 minutes, climbed Kibo.

The two mountaineers came back to Meoka gate at 10,618 feet on Monday, according an email sent by Musa to The Daily Star.

They were given Uhuru Peak summit certificate by Kilimanjaro National Park and Tanzania National Park authorities at Meoka gate yesterday.

The expedition was sponsored by the Summit Group, Emirates, Shah Cement, JAN Associates Ltd and The Daily Star.

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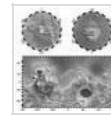
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