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Death ruins UUM joy of achieving lofty dream

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However, the results will only be made official tomorrow pending verification by the MBR.

Besides Gunung Chamah on the border of Perak and Kelantan, the others scaled were Gunung Yong Yap, Gunung Gayong, Gunung Ulu Sepat and Gunung Korbu in Perak, and, Gunung Tahan and Gunung Yong Belar in Pahang. All of them are above 2,100m.

A total of 45 university students and staff members had set out on the expedition on June 21, said Dr Ahmad Martadha yesterday.

In Alor Star, UUM deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Madya Dr Abdul Halim Ahmad said the climbers were provided with camcorders to record the time they raised the flags.

"We will check the recorded time when they return on Tuesday," he said.

GERIK: It was to be Universiti Utara Malaysia's pride to make its mark in the *Malaysia Book of Records* (MBR) by simultaneously planting its flag at the peak of seven mountains in the peninsula.

But the successful expedition was marred by the death of one of its climbers who was chaperone to six students in the Gunung Chamah climb. Called the G7 expedition, the mission was to plant the university's flag on all seven peaks at 10am on Saturday.

All seven teams reported "mission accomplished," said Dr Ahmad Martadha Mohamed, who is Student Development Dean at UUM's Student Affairs Department.



BRINGING BACK THE BODY: Search and rescue personnel untying the harness on the body bag containing the remains of Mohd Shahril Othman after it arrived in Gerik yesterday.