

Russian Mountaineering Legend Found Dead on Mount Elbrus

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Leila Albogachiyeva, the first Russian woman to have climbed Mount Everest twice, has been found dead on Mount Elbrus.

The body of an acclaimed Russian alpinist who went missing in late September has been recovered on Mount Elbrus, the country's highest mountain.

Leila Albogachiyeva, the first Russian woman to have climbed Mount Everest twice, went missing on Sept. 22 and a search and rescue team was immediately sent to look for her.

On Friday, the Emergency Situations Ministry in Kabardino-Balkaria announced that rescuers had recovered her body at a height of 5,300 meters after nearly two weeks of searching for her.

Albogachiyeva is believed to have changed her planned route and taken a wrong turn due to worsening weather conditions. Her fellow alpinists raised the alarm when she failed to return to base camp.

Albogachiyeva had successfully climbed Mount Elbrus — Europe's highest peak — 12 times throughout her career.

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