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As per the instruction sent by Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation to the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA) regarding the news of "4 climbers found dead at South Col of Mount Everest", NMA has carried out its best effort and submitted reports to the Department of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Nepal.

The report States "the source of the news has retracted their statement and moreover, during physical inspection at South Col of Mt. Everest, by other climbers than those of source, no casualties were found and no tents with dead bodies discovered at the South Col".

Department of Tourism finds this report as a great relief and firmly believes that it will share same degree of relief to the concerned families, mountaineers and other stakeholders.

Similarly, the department has collected reports over the news of demolition of "Hillary Step" with the help of "Mountain Guide". The report furnished by the Mountain Guide confirms that the Hillary step is still intact and is covered with snow. The misconception may have appeared as a new route to the summit is constructed which is some five meters right to the original route.

We are thankful to NMA and Mountain Guide for their great work as well as to the media and the press who has been consistently reporting about mountaineering events in Nepal. We would, however, like to request to please verify such significant news reports from multiple sources before making it public.