

Everest mountaineer warned of overcrowding before dying on climb

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>Robin Haynes Fisher died of what appeared to be altitude sickness at 8,600 meters (28,215 feet), while descending from the summit on Saturday, May 25.</p> <p>"With a single route to the summit, delays caused by overcrowding could prove fatal so I am hopeful my decision to go for the 25th will mean fewer people. Unless of course everyone else plays the same waiting game," he wrote in a captioned Instagram post on May 13.</p> <p>Haynes Fisher is one of nine climbers to have died on Everest in the 2019 climbing season as conditions on the world's highest mountain turned lethal.</p> <p>During the week beginning May 20, crowds of climbers became stuck in a queue to the summit, above the mountain's highest camp at 8,000 meters (26,247 feet).</p> <p>The summit of Mount Everest is 8,848 meters (29,029 feet) high, an elevation at which each breath contains only one-third of the oxygen found at sea level.</p> <p>Most people can only spend a matter of minutes at the summit without extra oxygen supplies, and the area where the climbers were queuing is known as the "death zone."</p> <p>High-altitude medical expert Sundeep Dhillon explained to CNN that perhaps the biggest danger is when climbers treat the summit as the journey's end point.</p> <p>According to Dhillon's estimates, "you've probably got a one in 10 chance of dying on the way down."</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	