

Troubled torch takes on Mount Everest

In a bid to prevent protests marring the Everest leg of the Olympic torch relay, China and Nepal have imposed a temporary ban on access to the mountain, incensing climbers who have spent weeks preparing for the narrow window when conditions permit a push to the summit



Chinese mountaineers to carry specially crafted lantern designed to preserve flame in Everest's thin air

BAN APPLIES FROM MAY 1-10

CHINA: Foreign expeditions denied climbing permits

Non-Chinese media prevented from attending departure of torch from North Base Camp

NEPAL: Climbers banned from going above Camp II

Police and soldiers deployed at Camp II with orders to stop any protests using whatever means, including deadly force as last resort

