



**SWISS AVALANCHE TOLL RISES
TO SEVEN AS BODIES OF THREE
SKIERS FOUND.**

**ONE OF WHOM WAS A RESCUE
DOCTOR**



A spate of deaths among mountain rescuers has caused sustained outrage in Italy. Four were killed by an avalanche on Boxing Day. Another four died in a helicopter accident in August.



Val di Fassa Mountain Rescue Team



. Seven people, including four mountain rescuers, have been killed by avalanches in northern Italy, officials said today.

- At 18.00 on Saturday evening four volunteers of the Mountain Rescue squad strapped their skis on and, together with other three companions, descended into the dark into that valley they knew like the back of their hands. They wanted to rescue two men who had not returned from that valley.

We now know that none of them will return, neither the four men from the Val di Fassa Rescue Squad, nor the two walkers from the Friuli region who had descended the valley in the morning with their snowshoes.



- “I’ve had enough of rescue workers losing their lives”
- What is certain is that the seven members of the Mountain Rescue Squad who answered the call knew about this danger. But they received the call and set off nevertheless: