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UBNR 958
NOT in Rinchen 958 - Dagdanlin süm / khural
Dagdlin khural
Tibetan name: rtag brtan gling
Mongolian translation of the name: Bat mönkhiin süm
English name: Dagdanlin temple/ assembly

GPS was taken at Dar’ ekhiin süm (UBR 931 Rinchen 931) and is given here only to mark the area of Amgalan (its temples were situated very near to each other). This temple was situated to the south of Dar’ ekhiin süm, outside the wall of the Chinese Town.
Elevation 1293 m
N 47 54.375’
E 106 59.955’

Sources: Sereeter, Ö., Mongoliin Ikh Khüree, Gandan khiidin tüükhen bütetsiin towch. 1651-1938. Ulaanbaatar 1999
Pürew, O., Mongol töriin golomt. Ulaanbaatar 2004
Photos: none

History

Dagdanlin süm was one of the six Mongolian assemblies situated around the Chinese town (Maimaachen), in the present area of Amgalan. However, Rinchen only records Dashsandanlin datsan (Rinchen 935) and the Dagdanlin temple/ assembly is one of the five he omitted.

According to Pürew’s book (pp. 104-105.), Dagdanlin khural (Dagdlin khural) was situated in the south of the town, on the east side of the protective wall (yampai, Chinese yang pai). According to him it was a large temple.

According to Sereeter (p. 82.), the temples Dagdanlin, Choinkhorlin (UBNR 955 NOT in Rinchen 955), Dejidlin (UBNR 956 NOT in Rinchen 956) and Puntsoglin (UBNR 957 NOT in Rinchen 957) were temples of the four aimags with the same names situated around the Maimaachen. Forty lamas belonged to Puntsoglin aimag and 80-90 lamas to the others. These temples had their own financial units, along with the aimag believer’s donations and offerings serving as the financial basis of their operation. He also says that the lamas in these four aimags used to participate in the ceremonies of Dashsandanlin datsan (UBR 935 Rinchen 935).

No further data was found about this assembly.

Current situation

There are no known remains. Based on the sources, the exact sites of the temples of Amgalan can be determined roughly in relation to the ruins of Dar’ ekh temple (UBR 931 Rinchen 931) and the remnants of a Chinese store building. In the whole area there are no temple remnants other than that of Dar’ ekh temple.