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Information collected by surveyors in the DOMM Pilot Study in 2004 in Tov Aimag

ТӨЛҮ 018 Erdene Tolgoi/Tunjiin Jas (Rinchen 388: Oulaantogoin Khoural)

Current situation (2004)

Oulaantogoin Khoural is called Erdene Tolgoi Jas or Tunjiin Jas by local people called. (The name Tunjiin Jas refers to the name of the area. The Tuul River is close by and there is a muddy area known as *Namag*).

There are two places of interest at the site:

1. A rectangular foundation at an elevation of 998 metres lies on the southern side of the hill known as Erdene Tolgoi/ Ulaantolgoi. Local people identified some ruins. It is questionable that this small rectangular stone base measuring about 2 x 3metres is the ruin of the main Jas but it could have been part of the temple complex. The orientation of the site is NW-SW and SW- NE. The Erdene Tolgoi hill with its owoo on top is to the north of the stone base, which is in the usual 'sacred' direction. (Many monastic ruins in the survey were pointing to an owoo on a hill to the north. Entrances are in the South and thus the believer faces north when entering.)
2. A round-shaped structure to the west of the Erdene Tolgoi hill at an elevation of 1,002 metres with a diameter of about 13metres (two measurements: 12.55 m and 13 m cross-over). Was the Jas here? Was it a grave? Local people reported that there are many graves probably from the 18th century in the area. According to local people there were no shamans in the area.

Source(s): Survey team

Alternative names: Ulaantolgoi Khoural, Erdene Tolgoi, Tunjiin Jas

Oral Histories

No information was collected. It is likely that the 'Jas' was a small branch temple of another, more sizeable monastery and had no more than a small (about 1-2 m side length) square shaped building. The monks who lived there are likely to have watched over the herds for the head monastery.