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UBNR 946

NOT in Rinchen 946 - Baruun salaanii khural

English name: Assembly in Baruun salaa

GPS was taken in Tolgoitiin baruun salaa area, north-west of Ulaanbaatar, near a present-day temple unrelated to this old one (the exact site is unknown, so the GPS reading marks only the area)

Elevation 1378 m

N. 47°58.190'

E. 106°48.491'

Data provider: Dr O. Pürew

Source: Pürew, O., *Mongoliin улс төрийн төв*. Ulaanbaatar 1994

Photos: none

History

According to O. Pürew, apart from *Züün salaanii khural* (UBR 940 Rinchen 940), there was another temple in Tolgoit (a mountain and its area to the north-west of Ulaanbaatar). The two side valleys of the mountain in the north-west of Ulaanbaatar are called *Züün salaa* and *Baruun salaa* (right and left branches of the road/valley). Both areas are now built up with weekend houses. Presumably this temple was built beside a source of holy water called *Takhiltiin us* ('saint water') which exists even now. Dondogdulam, the 8th *jewtsündamba khutagt's* wife, used to go there to drink the fresh water. According to O. Pürew (*Mongoliin улс төрийн төв*, p. 71.), this temple was situated on the slope of the mountain near the weekend house area for the workers of Biokombinat (*Kombinatiin amralt*).

According to O. Pürew, there were small temples or shrines outside the city, and in the countryside as well, beside holy water springs, lakes, rivers etc, where temporary assemblies would worship the water spirits (*lus*, Tib. *klu*). *Baruun salaanii khural* was one such temple. Others were for example *Züün salaanii khural* (UBR 940 Rinchen 940) and *Lowon Jalbiin süm* (UBNR 944 NOT in Rinchen 944). Apart from the ones marked on Rinchen's map, there must have been many others around the city as well, which were not registered on the map.

According to Pürew (*Mongoliin улс төрийн төв*, p. 71), this temple was closed in 1930-31.

Current situation

The exact place could not be identified. It is presumed that there are no remains. (Today, there is a small temple in the area of Baruun salaa, *Dashchaglin* monastery, which was founded in 2004, but it has no connection with the old shrine.)