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UBR 929

Rinchen 929 - Erleg nomun khaanii süm

English name: Erleg nomun khaan temple, Temple of the Lord of Death

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 immediately to the west of *Dar' ekhiin süm*.

Elevation 1293 m,
N. 47 54.375'
E. 106 59.955'

Data provider: Dr O. Pürew

Sources: Dulam, S., Khüree дөрвөн уулин тэхилга, белгед. Улаанбаатар 2004

Pürew, O., Mongol төрийн голomt. Улаанбаатар 2004

Sereeter, Ö., *Mongoliin Ikh Khüree, Gandan khiidiin түүхэн бütetsiin towch.* 1651-1938. Улаанбаатар 1999

Photos: none

History

Numerous temples were built in and around the Chinese town (Maimaachen) situated in the present area of Amgalan. Rinchen's map marks seven of them. However, according to Pürew and Sereeter (p. 82.), there were an additional seven temples and shrines. The Mongolian assemblies were located outside the fenced-off area of Maimaachen, while the Chinese temples were situated mostly inside in the south-east quarter (*khorooolol*). One of the Chinese temples was *Erlig nomun khaanii süm*. According to O. Pürew, there were two temples dedicated to *Erlig khaan* or the 'Lord of Death' in Amgalan and he claims (*Mongol төрийн голomt*, p. 102.) that the temple referred to in this entry was inside the wall of the Chinese town, while the other was situated near the Chinese cemetery on the north-west (UBNR 948 NOT in Rinchen 948). According to Pürew's book *Erleg khaanii süm* was situated on the left (west) of *Dar' ekhiin süm* (UBR 931 Rinchen 931) and on its left *Mujaanii* or *Urchuudiin süm* (Rinchen 932) was located.

According to Rinchen's map No. 44, there were also temples to the honour of *Erleg/Erlig* in Khowd, Uliastai and Khyagt as these towns also had Chinese inhabitants.

According to S. Dulam (p. 106.) *Erlig khaan* was celebrated in the middle spring month, on the day of the deceased (*Khansh neej ödör*), and on this occasion a Chinese style theatre-style play was performed.

No other data was found.

Current situation

There are no visible 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 other temple remnants than that of *Dar' ekh temple*.