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UB 31 Baldankhajidlin khiid

Tibetan name: Dpal-Idan mkha'-spyod gling

English name: Baldankhajidlin monastery

Nairamdal zuslan, which is an area of summer cottages on the north-west of Ulaanbaatar. It can be reached by bus from Orbit.

No GPS data as the temple was moving at the time of the survey

Informant: D. Khajidmaa, the head of the temple

Baldankhajidlin is a Gelukpa women's centre. The head (*tergüün*) is D. Khajidmaa, who founded the monastery in 2003, and considers it to be the revived temple of *Narkhajid* or *Narokhajid*, which was situated before 1937 on the banks of the Tuul River near the *Zaisan tolgoi* (see entry UBR 923 Rinchen 923). However, there is no proven connection with the old temple.

At present the temple has about ten female lamas, all with *genenmaa* vow. Apart from the head, there are the following ranks: *lovon*, one chanting master and one disciplinary master. The sister of the head, Soyolmaa, is an artist who paints Buddhist thangkas.

The main deity of the temple is *Narkhajid* (Tib. *na-ro mkha'-spyod*, Skr. Sarvabuddhadakini), and the main protector deity is *Gombo* (Tib. *mgon-po*, Skr. Mahakala). The main image in the temple is of *Narkhajid*. There is an image of Tsongkhapa as well. The temple does not own the volumes of *Ganjuur*.

Daily chanting is held between 9.00am and noon. *Lüjgin* is performed every day. *Zod* can be requested any day and can be read by any of the female lamas. They are all *zoch / zodoch* (a practitioner who can either be a man or a woman) practicing the tantric ritual (*Zod*) of cutting the ego-clinging. People can also ask the fortune-teller of the temple.

They hold various monthly ceremonies. For example, *Khajidiin chogo* the ritual of *Narkhajid* is held on the 25th of the lunar month. The Four Mandalas of Tara (*Dari Ekhiin mandal shivaa*) is read on the 8th, and the Guru Puja (*Lamiin chodov*) is on the 15th. As usual, the ceremony of the wrathful deities (*Sakhius*) is held on the 29th of the month.

The head of the temple has published some interesting books. One is the Mongolian translation of the biography of Milarepa, the famous yogi and poet of the Tibetan Karma Kagyü school (1040-1123), the other is on Majiglavdonmaa, the female founder of the lineage of the *Zod* (Tib. *gcod*) practice in Tibet, cutting through ego-clinging.

At the time of the survey, the monastery has only recently moved into its new place near Nairamdal zuslan, so was not working. According to the head, who the researchers were only able to interview by phone (as they had no operating temple at the time of research), the temple will be opened again with its full services in spring, 2006.