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SHORT REPORT FROM TAKHIIN TAL (January 12th, 2013)

In December quite a lot of snow has fallen in the Dzungarian Gobi B, which resulted in snow heights up to half a meter in the mountains.

At "Takhin us", the horses seem to be fine, the stallions coming from Jimsar breeding station in China last summer are still feeded with hay and develop well. They now are joined by *Aptek* another young stallion born in the Dzungarian Gobi.

Within the bachelor group there have been some changes with on and off sightings of *Hubsugul* and *Ynzagahan*. *Khan* who had taken over the harem from his father *Hubsugul* last year, now has lost all his mares to *Shandast* who had joined the harem on December 27th. *Khan* is still grazing very near to the *Shandast* group, which could result in further changes in the future.

The other groups have been seen around "Chonin us" drinking water from the Naimaa spring. *Azaa* however was off to his summer-autumn pasture at "Shovgor har" between December 10th and 20th with his group, but has chosen to go back to "Chonin us" thereafter. On December 23rd two young stallions changed from the *Bundan* to the *Nomkhon* harem. Bachelor groups had some changes at "Chonin us" as well and are difficult to survey at the moment.