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## **Temple Day : Banteay Prei**

The road around to Preah Khan is closed for roadworks, so we were diverted along a well made dirt road (Plow Dey Grohom... which means red dirt road).

Banteay Prei is just north of Preah Khan and is a neat temple complex in quite a large “garden”, fenced in with laterite walls. There were two other tourists there (who didn't even go inside the main temple walls).





They are working on the eastern entrance to Banteay Prei, excavating and repairing and rebuilding the eastern gopura.

Stones carefully and methodically catalogued.

**Below: (That first “symbol, like an “n” with a hat is their first consonant.)**







**Scaffolding supporting the eastern gopura entrance.**





**Several different species of trees with these flowers.**





**The temple ruins and the flowering tree.**







**Monkeyjack tree inside the inner wall of the temple, and the fruit. You wouldn't want one to hit you!**





**The Monkeyjack tree and the gopura in the northern wall of the inner temple.**





**It is a difficult decision... do you pull this building down and rebuild it? Or do you wait for it to fall apart? Time and the weight of the stones (and trees and even humans) have pushed stones out of place.**



## **Friday 14th March, 2025.**

Having just begun to get back to our old schedule of temple visits, we stayed home this morning due to an untrustworthy tummy issue.

## **Saturday 15th March, 2025.**

We walked to the supermarket today. The sun is hot even early in the morning (we leave home just after 7:00am, to get there just after the store opens at 7:30).