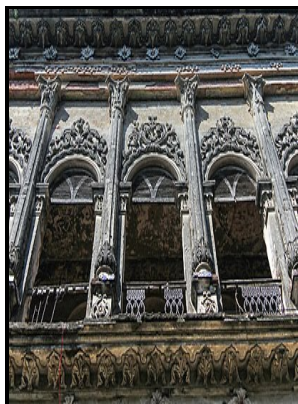


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Fakhruddin ruled for eleven years, and in 1338 his son Ikhtiyaruddin Ghazi Shah became the ruler, followed by Shamsud-Din who conquered Sonargaon by defeating the Mughals in 1352 and later was given the title of Sultan-i-Bangala. Abu Tawwama in 1300 established here a centre for Islamic theology. Shahina Rahman Managing Director - APPL Mr.

## Abu Tawwama

Ancient Sonargaon, meaning golden village, was one of the three principalities, an Iqlim of Bangala during the rule of Sultan Ilyas Shah in 1342. Rezaur Rahman Managing Director Bengal Airlift Limited. The book, a research work based on field visits by the writer and including an elaborate bibliography consisting of references from 102 books, encyclopedias and several journals, is a storehouse of rich and rare data for future work.

## Abu Tawwama

On the south eastern part of the Sonargaon territory, today's Bagerhat formerly Khalifabad, stands the Shait Gumbaz Masjid, the largest surviving monument of its kind built by Khan Jahan. In 1996, the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh published a monograph titled 'Sonargaon-Parnam', giving details on Sonargaon, about 24 square miles in area, 27 km south-east of Dhaka, spread on both sides of the Dhaka-Chittagong highway and bounded on all sides by the old Brahmaputra, Sitalakhiya, Meghna and Dhaleswari. Sultan Sikander Shah died at a place near Sonargaon in a battle between the father and the son.

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In 1352 Shamsud-Din Ilyas Shah conquered Sonargaon and consolidated his rule in Lakhnauti, Satgaon and Sonargaon. The advent of the Muslims, mostly Khalji and Turks of Central Asia, in the 13th century in Sonargaon is recognised as the beginning of the second phase of archaeology. The madrassah no longer exists though its ruins can be found in the Dargabari area.

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