



INCIDENT REPORT

GRAVES OF AHMADIS DESECRATED IN ANOTHER 'MALICIOUS' ACT OF VANDALISM IN THE COMMON CEMETRY AT TALWANDI KHAJOORWALI, DISTRICT GUJRANWALA, PAKISTAN

Ahmadi graves have once again been desecrated and vandalised in a "malicious and senseless" attack by vigilantes' elements in Pakistan.

Persecution against Ahmadis has ramped up as of late, as the IHRC has reported almost daily incidents against the minority group. Graveyard vandalism has been a favoured tactic of the Anti-Ahmadi element in Pakistan for years. This shameful tactic means Ahmadis are not free from persecution even after their death.

Another shameful act has been committed in the combined Graveyard (known as Graveyard Makhan Shah) in Talwandi Khajoorwali, District Gujranwala used by the Ahmadis to bury their loved ones.

In the middle of the night between 10th and 11th February 2023 some unknown miscreants desecrated five graves of the Ahmadis and they took the damaged tombstones with them. There are other Ahmadis also buried there. This graveyard is being used to bury the Ahmadis since 1994.

It must be remembered that the Police took action last year on 6th and 7th July, 2022 and desecrated around 53 tombstones of the Ahmadiyya Graves from the graveyard of same village and took the debris with them.



Pictures: In the night between 10th and 11th February 2023 some unknown miscreants desecrated five graves of the Ahmadis and they took the damaged tombstones with them in the combined Graveyard (known as Graveyard Makhan Shah) in Talwandi Khajoorwali, District Gujranwala

Earlier this year, another similar incident took place in 89 GB Ratan, area of Faisalabad where some unknown miscreants trespassed the Ahmadiyya Muslim graveyard by cutting the barbed wires, desecrated the graves of Ahmadis, and tried to torch their coffins and some items from the store.

This must be stopped at all costs and nipped in the bud to stop the perpetrators and brought to justice immediately. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution as the government and authorities encourage this behaviour. They must be stopped and discouraged from using cheap tactics to achieve political gain.

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We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of such vicious attacks to justice. The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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