



INCIDENT REPORT

POLICE REMOVED THE ISLAMIC WORDINGS FROM THE AHMADIYYA GRAVES AT BASTI AHMAD PUR DISTRICT DERA GHAZI KHAN PAKISTAN

According to IHRC sources on 29th May 2024 the Police while acting desecrated the Tombstones from the Ahmadiyya Graves at the Graveyard of Basti Ahmad Pur, district Dera Ghazi Khan.

According to the details the Clerics took the pictures of the tombstones while entering inside the boundary walls and reported to the authorities that the Ahmadiyya have written Islamic Wordings on the tombstones in their graveyards. Upon this the Police took the action and called the Ahmadiyya Muslim Presidents of Basti Rinda, Basti Ahmad Pur and Basti Nasirabad at Chuatra Police Station. In the presence of Clerics Police gave the instructions to the Ahmadiyya Muslim local Presidents to remove the tombstones. Upon this the local Presidents made it clear to them that we will not remove the Islamic wording from the graves, moreover if we will carry out any such act of desecrating the Islamic wordings then you people will register a case of Blasphemy against us. Upon this the Police said that you people must cooperate with us, we have to silence the Clerics as well.

There are three Graves in that graveyard. Two of the tombstones from three graves were removed by the Police, whereas the Islamic Wordings written on the third tombstone was removed through a brick and they took the tombstone with them.



Pictures: On 29th May 2024 the Police while acting, desecrated the Tombstones from three Ahmadiyya Graves at the Graveyard of Basti AhmadPur, district Dera Ghazi Khan in Pakistan.

The Police also took in writing a statement from the Local Presidents with regards to the tombstones being taken down and, in that statement, it is written that in future Islamic Wordings will not be written again on the tombstones.

It has to be noted that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is facing opposition from the Police, Clerics and opponents throughout Pakistan especially in the province of Punjab where the opponents are not causing trouble to the Ahmadis while they are alive, they are busy in finding ways to trouble the Ahmadis that are no more alive by desecrating their graves and their tombstones. The opponents are leaving no stone unturned with regards to the opposition of the Ahmadiyya Community throughout Pakistan.

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

IHRC has continuously raised our voice since many months over attacks on Ahmadiyya Muslims places of worship and graves. Attacks on their members have intensified. Most have come to light through social media and International NGOs.

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.

We once again strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan the need to discharge any absurd cases against Ahmadis and release all held in custody and thus honor its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and ensure that perpetrators of such vicious actions should be brought to justice, to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18, and 20, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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