

Burial problems, and graveyards

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Denial of Ahmadi's burial in common graveyard

Nadeemabad, Daska; October 28, 2017: Malik Safdar, a brother of Malik Hameed Ullah a former district president of Ahmadiyya community Sialkot, died. A grave was dug for his burial in the common cemetery of the village. Anti-Ahmadi group took the position: "He was a Qadiani; we would not allow his burial here". They called the police. The police arrived and stopped the burial.

Ahmadis contacted the Sarpanch (*the village chief*); he also refused. When alive, Malik Safdar was a member of the Sarpanch Committee and Ahmadis were buried in this very cemetery.

He was buried in the Ahmadiyya cemetery of a nearby village Bharuka Kalan.

The incident is indicative of the ever widening sectarian divide in Pakistan.