

# Burial problems, and graveyards

**2018**

## **Ahmadi denied burial**

*Rafiqabad, District Layyah; May 25, 2018:* Mr. Hameed Ahmad S/O Pir Muhammad of Chak no. 368, District Layyah died on May 25. Opponents opposed his burial in the cemetery claiming that it was a Muslims' graveyard and Qadiani would not be allowed to be buried there. In fact Ahmadi intended to bury the deceased in their own section of the graveyard. The opponents raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans at the site. The police came to the site, but the mullas refused to cooperate. The deceased had to be buried at a faraway location.

## **Ahmadi denied burial in common cemetery**

*Chak 5/3, Ahmad Pur Syal, District Jhang; September 30, 2018:* Mrs. Amina Bibi w/o of Mr. Maqbool Ahmad died here on September 30, 2018. Arrangements were being made for her burial in common cemetery when opponents of Ahmadiyya community decided to oppose it. They made announcements from loudspeakers of the local mosque and gathered a crowd. Police arrived at the spot. Opponents insisted to disallow burial of the Ahmadi deceased in the common cemetery. Approximately 30 Ahmadi are already buried in the same cemetery. Ahmadi had to bury her in a private land to avoid confrontation.

## **Dispute over an Ahmadi's burial**

*Chak 103/6R, District Bahawal Nagar; September 2018:* An Ahmadi died here. Ahmadi came to offer his funeral prayers but his son who is not Ahmadi stopped them doing so. The locals sought cooperation of TLP, Mulla Rizvi's party. They created hue and cry, cut off water supply lines to Ahmadi's homes and socially boycotted them. Ahmadi contacted the police who called both the parties and attempted reconciliation.

Ahmadi remain on guard.

## **Ahmadi woman is refused burial**

*Budha Kot, District Mir Pur Khas; November 27, 2018:* Ahmadi have been living here for long in harmony with locals. Mullas disturbed the social balance recently when Master Riaz's wife died here on November 27, 2018. Her grave was prepared in the common cemetery as per previous practice. At the time of funeral prayers a man arrived and told the president of the local

Ahmadiyya community that some youth were planning a mischief and would not allow the burial in common cemetery. The report posed a serious threat. Ahmadis decided to bury the deceased in their private land to avoid any mischief.