



## Putting dung in graves

Fatwa no. 868

**Q: What is the ruling on collecting animal dung in a graveyard or over graves, knowing that the purpose of doing this is clear, and that is to use the dung as manure for agriculture after a year or two, and also bearing in mind that it was 25 to 30 years since the last person was buried in the graveyard. Is this permissible or not?**

**A:** It is not permissible to put any type of animal dung in a graveyard or over graves, as it constitutes an insult to the dead people buried there. It is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) (Forbade the plastering of graves, sitting on them, and building over them.) (Related by Muslim and Al-Tirmidhy, who said that this is a Hassan Sahih [good authentic] Hadith) It is also authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ( "Do not sit on graves or offer Salah (Prayer) towards them." ) (Related by Muslim) Therefore, if sitting on graves is forbidden, whether or not it is accompanied by urination or defecation, then putting dung on them is also forbidden. This is insulting to the dead; also because the inviolability of a Muslim after death is the same as it is during lifetime.

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