



### 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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