



Building on the Graves

The fifth question of Fatwa no. (5175):

Q 5: There is a grave which is raised the height of a span or more above the ground, but its edge is surrounded by a wall. Is this grave considered contradictory to the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet)? Is it permissible to visit such a grave or not?

A: Building on graves is impermissible, as it is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) prohibited the plastering of graves, sitting on them, and building over them. Related by Muslim in his Sahih (authentic) Book of Hadith from Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him). Thus, it is concluded that the mentioned building should be removed, according to this Hadith. As for visiting the grave, there is no harm in it.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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