



## INCIDENT REPORT

### **GRAVES OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIMS HAVE ONCE AGAIN BEEN DESECRATED AND VANDALISED IN A "MALICIOUS AND SENSELESS" ATTACK BY THE PUNJAB POLICE IN PAKISTAN**

Yet another violation of the Ahmadi Muslims' human right to religious freedom occurred in Daska, Punjab Pakistan on 24th January 2024 at 10 am, where the police desecrated the tombstones of Ahmadi graves.

The International Human Rights Committee has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims intensified in 2023, and this has continued in 2024, with police under high command orders desecrating Ahmadi graves and their tombstones.



Pictures: Act of violence against Ahmadi in Daska, Punjab Pakistan on 24th January 2024 at 10 am, the police desecrated the tombstones of Ahmadi graves.

The graveyard had a total of 101 graves, out of which 75 had a tombstone. The police desecrated 65 of these. The policemen said they had orders from Assistant Commissioner (AC) Daska, Anwar Ali Kanju. The deplorable act can be seen in this online [video](#)<sup>1</sup>.

AC Daska Anwar Ali Kanju has long been involved in Ahmadiyya persecution.



Pictures: The police also desecrated an Ahmadiyya graveyard in Bharoke Daska on 24th January 2024. They broke the tombstones and sprayed black ink on them.

<sup>1</sup> Link to translated and subtitled video on social media: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1750293819252211850>

In a similar incident today, the police desecrated another Ahmadiyya graveyard in Bharoke, breaking tombstones and spraying black ink on them. The question arises: if the police itself is involved in such incidents, to whom should Ahmadis go for the assurance of their constitutional rights?

Once again, Pakistani authorities have committed crimes for which they are, under the law, tasked with punishing and preventing, an outright offence against the Rule of Law. It is time for the state to clarify what is their policy on the desecration of Ahmadiyya graveyards. The government must clarify under which laws the AC gave these orders.

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We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of such vicious attacks to justice. The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

END

## **ANNEXURE A:**

**English translation of the [video](#), containing the conversation between local Ahmadis and Police officials who desecrated the tombstones of Ahmadi graves in Daska, Punjab Pakistan:**

**Ahmadis:** *Be reasonable! Tell no to those who ask you to do it.*

**Ahmadis:** *If you had an order, then it would be understandable.*

**Ahmadis:** *Now, the Kalima is written here, who will bear the sin?*

**Ahmadis:** *Produce the order! There should be a hard copy of it, not an oral one.*

**Police officials:** *You know about these matters.*

**Ahmadis:** *No, first produce the order.*

**Police officials:** *You can talk to the S.H.O.*

**Ahmadis:** *No, you yourself may talk to the S.H.O.*