



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We praise Allah ﷻ Most High, Salutation upon our Master, Nabi ﷺ .

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Allocation of Muslim allotments in municipal cemeteries

On Wednesday 17 March, the City of Cape Town (CoCT) requested the presence of the MJC (SA) to meet with Ms Susan Bryce, Cemetery Coordinator for the CoCT. The onsite meeting held at the Klip Road cemetery was attended by Sh Riad Fataar (2nd Deputy President) and some of the Muslim community undertakers.

The disturbing and contrite concern is that Muslim burials have been performed in the Christian/ Non-Muslim sections of the municipal cemetery. These are done in contravention of the Shariah – with no adherence to the direction of the Qiblah - when burial occurs. **The Muslim community must ensure that their deceased are buried with all observances of the shariah and the rights of the *amwāt* (deceased).**

The CoCT has indicated that no further Muslim burials be performed in the Multi-denomination allotment of the cemetery.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ لَا يَشْكُرُ النَّاسَ لَا يَشْكُرِ اللَّهُ " .

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: "Whoever is not grateful to the people, he is not grateful to Allah." [al-Tirmidhi]

The MJC (SA) wishes to thank and delineate its gratitude to the Muslim undertakers, Ms. Susan Bryce, the City cemetery staff and grave-diggers that did not capitulate to the immense pressure they experienced during the second wave. We thank you and acknowledge your services.

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