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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GRAVES AT AHMADIYYA MUSLIM CEMETERY IN SINGAPORE VANDALISED**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Singapore has reported that at least 12 graves at the Community's Cemetery in Chua Chu Kang have been vandalised causing a great deal of damage and distress. A number of tombstones have been knocked down and some have been further dismantled into small pieces.

The incident has been reported to the relevant authorities and it is hoped that the person or persons involved in this attack are suitably apprehended.

Speaking from London following the incident the International Press Secretary Abid Khan said:

***"If even one person from the Ahmadiyya Community or one of our National Associations suffers any persecution it causes distress to the entire worldwide Ahmadiyya Community."***

***I take this opportunity to remind the Ahmadi Muslims in Singapore of the words of our spiritual leader, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad in his Friday Sermon of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in which His Holiness said that members of the Community must remain steadfast in the face of all persecution.***

***Further, His Holiness reassured us that such acts could do no harm to the Community in the long term and that history was witness to the fact that every obstacle faced by the Community had actually 'fuelled the success and prosperity of the Ahmadiyya Community.'***

***Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters in Singapore. May God grant them patience at this time."***

#### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Association**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has prospered throughout the world expounding and practising its motto '***Love for All, Hatred for None***'.

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