

Covering the Grave with Stones

Q: Janaa'iz-27: Because the ground is soft here where we live, the grave is covered with stones afterwards. Is this permissible, as it is practised in Madinah and other places?

Answer: If there is fear of the grave sinking because of soft ground. it will be permissible to dig a box grave. Stones may be used to cover the grave as a necessity if there is fear of animals digging up the grave and reaching the body. It is however best to use sand to plaster that side of the stones adjacent to the body so that it appears to be surrounded by sand. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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