



Fourth Question of Fatwa no. (4259):

Q4: Is it permissible to build Masjids (mosques) on the graves of Awliya' (pious people)? Is it permissible to offer Salah (Prayer) in such Masjids, although there are other Masjids that have no graves in the same town?

A4: It is impermissible to build Masjids over the graves of the Awliya'.

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It is also impermissible to offer Salah in such Masjids, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(May Allah curse The Jews and the Christians; they have taken the graves of their prophets as places of worship \)](#) (Agreed upon by Imams Al-Bukhari and Muslim). The Prophet (peace be upon him) also stated, [\(Beware of those who preceded you and used to take the graves of their prophets and righteous men as places of worship, but you must not take graves as Masjids; I forbid you to do that. \)](#) Related by [Muslim](#) in his Sahih (authentic) Book of Hadith. [Muslim](#) also related from [Jabir Ibn `Abdullah](#) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) [\(has forbidden that the graves should be plastered, used as sitting places \(for the people\), or a building should be built over them. \)](#)

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

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