Performing the Janaazah salaah in the Graveyard

Q: Janaa'iz-10: There is currently a difference of opinion between our Ulema here (in Africa) concerning performing the Janaazah salaah in the graveyard While some say that it is not permissible. others claim that it is permissible without a doubt regardless of whether there are graves in front or not Who is right'? Can the Janaazah salaah be performed in the graveyard?

Answer: It will be permissible and not at all Makrooh to perform the Janaazah salaah in the graveyard if there are no graves in front, if the graves are far away or if the graves are hidden from view. Jaami'us Sagheer (Vol.2 pg. 181) clearly states that it is forbidden to perform salaah between graves. Badaai us sanaai (Vol.1 Pg.315) quotes from Imaam Abu Haneefah RAH. that the Janaazah salaah should not be performed between graves. In fact, both Haclhrat Ali RADI. and hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. regarded it to be Makrooh to perform the Janaazah salaah in the graveyard And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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