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Al Jama-ah assists Caledon Muslims with burial grounds

We the Al Jama-ah party is glad to announce that the much-needed burial grounds for the Caledon Muslim community has finally been granted.

In April this year the Muslim community in Caledon raised concerns that they were forced to bury their loved ones in neighbouring towns as far as in Hermanus and Wellington, as the local cemetery has run out of space.

When contacted by Al Jama-ah the distressed members of the Caledon Muslim community said they felt neglected and ignored by the local municipality and broader Muslim community. The party gave the undertaking to reconnect the community with the Tweewaterskloof Municipality to continue communications for burial grounds.

During a virtual meeting over the weekend between Al Jama-ah's Western Cape Member of Provincial Legislature, Hon Galil Brinkhuis, mr Johan Viljoen (Head of Environment and Disaster Management Department: Tweewaterskloof Municipality) and mr Mogamad Zain Cupido representing the Caledon Muslim Community, Viljoen confirmed that new burial grounds had been set aside.

After the meeting the mr Viljoen accompanied the Caledon delegation to the new proposed two hectares burial grounds. After an environmental impact assessment had been carried out, the municipality will level the ground for a burial site. The community has been advised to fence the site as soon as possible to avoid any trespassing. Al Jama-ah is appealing to the Caledon Muslim community, businesses and the broader Muslim communities to assist with quotes and for the cost of fencing around the new burial site.

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