9986 - Ruling on grave markers on which are written details of the deceased

the question

Is it permissible to put a piece of metal or a marker on a grave on which is written verses of the Qur’aan in addition to the name of the deceased and the date of his death, etc.?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not permissible to write anything on the grave, whether it be verses of the Qur’aan or anything else, on iron, stone tablets or anything else, because it was reported from Jaabir ibn ‘Abd-Allaah (may Allaah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) that it is forbidden to plaster the walls of graves, to sit on them or to build over them. This was narrated by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh; al-Tirmidhi and al-Nasaa’i added, with a saheeh isnaad, “or to write on them.”