

259419 - They found a dead woman in India and do not know whether she was a Muslim or a disbeliever; should they offer the funeral prayer for her?

the question

We found a dead woman in our city in India, and there is nothing to indicate whether she was a Muslim or a disbeliever. Should we offer the funeral prayer for her?

Detailed answer

We put this question to our Shaykh, 'Abd ar-Rahmaan al-Barraak (may Allah preserve him) and he replied:

If there is no sign on her to indicate that she was a Muslim, then the ruling should be according to the town in which they found her. If most of the people of the town are Muslim, then she is a Muslim, otherwise the funeral prayer should not be offered for her.

And Allah knows best.