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## Graveyard Dispute Turns Deadly in Orangi Town After Confrontation Over Drug Use

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A violent clash near a cemetery in Karachi left one man dead and another injured after a confrontation spiraled out of control. The altercation took place near the Ibrahim Ali Bhai Graveyard in Orangi Town when a local gravedigger attempted to stop two individuals from using drugs within the burial grounds.

According to reports, the gravedigger, identified as Muhammad Hasnain, approached two men, Muhammad Ali (aged 48) and Imran (aged 26), for allegedly consuming illegal narcotics on cemetery property. The two individuals, reportedly known in the area for drug-

related behavior, resisted Hasnain's warnings. The situation escalated into a physical fight, during which Hasnain reportedly pulled a knife and fatally stabbed Muhammad Ali. Imran was also injured in the confrontation but survived.

Local law enforcement confirmed the incident and stated that Hasnain remained at the scene following the attack, where he was taken into custody. Authorities have launched a formal investigation and are reviewing eyewitness accounts to determine the exact sequence of events.

The graveyard, a resting place for hundreds of residents in the working-class district of Orangi Town, one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Karachi, has seen growing concern among locals about drug activity in and around its perimeter. Many residents have voiced frustration over a lack of enforcement and the increasing presence of substance abusers in public and sacred spaces.

This latest episode underscores a deeper issue plaguing urban Pakistan: rising drug abuse, weak civic enforcement, and a justice system under strain. While the gravedigger's actions cannot be condoned, the broader context raises serious concerns about lawlessness and the state's failure to uphold basic public order.

Pakistan's urban centers, particularly Karachi, continue to grapple with unregulated areas where criminal behavior flourishes. Locals say that under the current administration, public safety in working-class neighborhoods has deteriorated further due to neglect and inconsistent governance.

As the investigation unfolds, residents are left demanding greater accountability, not just from individuals who take the law into their own hands, but from authorities whose absence too often creates the conditions for such tragedies.