

Afghan Koran protests

Anti-American protests continue in Afghanistan after NATO and U.S. officials reportedly burned Korans, the Muslim holy text. If discarding a Koran is necessary, scholars say there are respectful and acceptable ways to do so



■ **Burial:** The name of God – Allah – is sacred and destruction of any text containing the word Allah or verses from the Koran must be carried out with respect. ***Koran may be wrapped in shroud and buried in location with no foot traffic***

■ **Burning:** Book may be burnt to ashes and dissolved in flowing water

■ **Shredding:** First runs or proofs of book during printing are never thrown away but are often shredded in a respectful manner

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