Vandals daub racist graffiti and spray swastikas onto graves of dead Muslims in a Welsh cemetery

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- They signed one tombstone with the initials BNP, UKIP and NF
- Grave of relative of secretary of the Islamic Society for Wales tarnished

By James RUSH

Muslim graves have been defaced with racist graffiti in the latest case of far-right attacks.

Vandals sprayed swastikas, 'Lee Rigby murder', and 'white power' on four tombstones in the Muslim area of a cemetery in Newport, South Wales, on Saturday night.

They signed their work with initials of the British National Party (BNP), the UK Independence Party (UKIP), and the National Front (NF).

Racist: Swastikas and racist graffiti have been sprayed on tombstones in the Muslim area of a cemetery in Newport, South Wales

Graffiti: Council workers are still trying to remove the marks from the tombstones

A council graffiti team is still working to remove the marks which have left the local community in shock.

Grieving Mubarak Ali, secretary of the Islamic Society for Wales, blasted the vandals who tarnished the grave of his relative, Sardar Ali.

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Mr Ali, 51, said: 'I've lived in Newport for 47 years. I've never seen or heard of this kind of thing before.

'I'm appealing to the Muslim community for calm and not to react in a negative or violent way to this evil incident. Obviously, people are really angry and upset, but we must remember it is a small minority of idiots who did this.

Attack: The 15 newly-dug graves are in a separate part of the cemetery

Grieving: Mubarak Ali, secretary for the Islamic Society for Wales, at Christchurch cemetery with Shahid Hussain (centre) and Shakeel Hussain, who are offering prayers over their brother Tariq's grave