

TRASHING KORANS IN FEDERAL PRISONS

Remember the allegation that guards in Gitmo had flushed a Koran (which turned out to be false)?

Well, DOJ Inspector General's annual report of civil rights violations committed by DOJ employees includes this allegation from a federal prison inmate.

A Muslim inmate alleged that a BOP correctional officer disposed of his Koran and personal letters in the trash, then lied in an incident report by stating that the inmate's Koran and personal letters were confiscated and given to sheriff's deputy escorts for disposition. A search of the trash by BOP officials confirmed that the Koran and letters had been thrown away and not given to the deputies as stated in the incident report. The OIG's investigation of this matter is ongoing.

While (unlike the allegations about Korans in Gitmo) this appears to be harassment rather than an attempt to collect intelligence, it does suggest we still don't understand protections for religious freedom.