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Man Arrested for Killing Granddaughter Over Marriage Dispute

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A young woman was killed in Badin district over the weekend in what local authorities suspect to be a case of honor-based violence linked to disputes over marriage decisions. While full details remain under investigation, initial reports indicate that the woman, believed to be in her twenties, had recently returned to her family home following marital conflict.

The incident occurred in a rural village within Golarchi taluka, a sub-district of Badin, where traditional customs related to family honor and marriage arrangements continue to exert strong influence. According to police sources, an elderly male relative, believed to be the

victim's grandfather, has been taken into custody and is suspected of attacking the woman with a sharp object following a heated family dispute. Authorities say the suspect confessed to the crime shortly after the incident, reportedly expressing anger over the woman's decision to reject a marriage arranged by the family.

Police officers from the Tarai police post, who are overseeing the investigation, stated that the victim had previously left home in 2023 to marry a man of her own choice. However, members of the local community, including tribal elders, allegedly intervened to annul that marriage. Following the annulment, the woman was reportedly coerced into marrying a cousin, a union that was more acceptable to her family.

She had been living with her second husband in Tando Muhammad Khan but returned to her parents' home in Badin just days before the fatal attack. Her body was initially transported to Taluka Hospital Golarchi and later moved to Indus Hospital in Badin for a post-mortem examination.

As of Saturday evening, no First Information Report (FIR) had been formally registered, and police indicated that they are also investigating the possible involvement of other family members. Officials acknowledged that cultural pressures often complicate legal proceedings in such cases, especially in rural communities where informal justice systems hold considerable sway.

This case highlights ongoing concerns surrounding honor-related crimes in Pakistan, particularly in less urbanized areas where young women are frequently subjected to violence for asserting independence in personal matters such as marriage. Human rights organizations have repeatedly urged authorities to enforce existing laws against forced marriage and gender-based violence and to strengthen protections for vulnerable women.

Local authorities stated that the investigation remains active and that further developments are expected following forensic analysis and witness interviews.