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## Baffa: Child Murder Suspect Killed in Shootout

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An Afghan national accused of murdering a 9-year-old boy in Baffa, a town in Pakistan's Mansehra district, was shot dead during an armed encounter with police on Wednesday night.

According to officials from the Baffa police station, the suspect was wanted for the brutal killing of Muhammad Usman, a young boy who went missing on July 20 after attending evening prayers. The child was a resident of Mohallah Railway Station, Baffa.

Police reports reveal that the suspect had allegedly lured the child to an isolated area near the outskirts of the village. His body was later discovered buried in a sugarcane field, with

the head separated from the torso and hidden several feet away. The gruesome nature of the crime sparked widespread outrage and protests in the community, with residents demanding immediate justice.

Law enforcement launched a manhunt after gathering intelligence about the suspect's whereabouts. A police spokesperson confirmed that the accused was located late Wednesday night. When officers attempted to apprehend him, the suspect reportedly opened fire, resulting in a shootout. He was killed on the spot, while no police personnel were injured during the encounter.

Authorities stated that the investigation remains ongoing to determine the full extent of the suspect's actions and whether any accomplices were involved.

Local residents have expressed relief that swift police action prevented any further threat to public safety. Meanwhile, the community continues to mourn the loss of Muhammad Usman, whose murder has left a deep impact on Baffa and surrounding areas.

The police have assured the public of continued efforts to ensure the safety of children and prevent similar incidents in the future.