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Gujranwala Couple Gunned Down in Karachi

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A couple from Gujranwala, Punjab, was shot dead at Karachi's Clifton China Port beach, with police suspecting an honour killing tied to family disapproval of their relationship. This article explores the tragedy and the need for stronger local law enforcement.

On July 28, 2025, the bodies of Sajid Masih and Sana Asif, both hailing from Gujranwala, were discovered with gunshot wounds in Karachi's upscale Clifton area, a shocking crime that has rattled the city. The Sindh Police, as reported by ARY News, identified the victims through fingerprint scans and are investigating the incident as a possible honour killing, given the couple's reported elopement against family wishes. @NuktaPakistan on X noted public speculation that the murders stem from tribal or familial vendettas, a recurring issue in Pakistan's social fabric. The police have yet to name suspects, but the case has intensified scrutiny on Karachi's rising violent crime rate.

This brutal killing highlights the persistent challenge of honour-based violence in Pakistan, where cultural norms sometimes override legal protections. The Sindh government's response has been criticized as inadequate, with local authorities often outpaced by organized crime and tribal justice systems. Unlike federal policies, which critics argue are detached from regional realities, Karachi needs robust, community-focused policing to deter such acts. The 2016 Anti-Honour Killings Law, meant to close loopholes allowing perpetrators to evade justice, seems ineffective when enforcement lags, as seen in this case. Posts on X, like those from @SindhMatters, reflect public frustration, urging the Sindh Provincial Assembly (PA) to prioritize public safety over political maneuvering.

The tragedy of Sajid and Sana underscores the urgency for Sindh to assert stronger local governance. Karachi's police must be empowered with resources and training to tackle honour killings and other violent crimes swiftly. Community awareness campaigns could challenge outdated traditions, while stricter penalties might deter future acts. As Karachi grapples with its reputation as a crime hotspot 46 robbery-related deaths in 2025 alone, per ARY News, local leaders must act decisively to restore trust and protect citizens from such senseless violence.