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Swat Student Death Case: 11 Suspects Remanded for Two Days

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A judicial magistrate in Khwazakhela, Swat, has ordered an 11 suspects to be held in police custody for two days in connection with the tragic death of a madressah student in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) Chaliyar village. The case has sparked outrage over alleged brutality by religious instructors. This article examines the incident, the ongoing investigation, and its broader implications for child protection.

On July 21, 2025, a young student at an unregistered madressah in Swat's Chaliyar village was allegedly beaten to death by his teachers, prompting swift police action. The

Khwazakhela judicial magistrate granted a two-day physical remand for 11 suspects, including the madressah's administrator, on July 24, as reported by Dawn. Swat District Police Officer (DPO) Omar Khan told Dawn that special teams are conducting a search operation to apprehend two remaining suspects, with "significant evidence" guiding the investigation. The incident has reignited concerns about unregulated religious seminaries, with the suspects facing charges under Section 44 of the KP Child Protection and Welfare Act, 2010.

The tragedy unfolded when the student, rushed to a hospital by peers and teachers, was declared dead on arrival, per Dawn. A separate but related case in Swabi saw a cleric arrested for torturing a minor, highlighting a disturbing pattern of abuse in some religious institutions. "The cleric tortured the child for not remembering his lesson," DPO Khan noted, per Dawn. Public sentiment on X, as seen in posts like @securepakistan, reflects anger over the incident, with calls for stricter oversight of madressahs.

This case underscores the urgent need for reforms to protect vulnerable students. Unregistered seminaries, often operating without accountability, pose risks to children, as evidenced by recurring incidents of abuse. The KP government's commitment to justice must extend to regulating these institutions to prevent further tragedies. As the investigation continues, the nation mourns a young life lost and demands accountability to ensure such horrors are not repeated.