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## Three Gang-Rape Suspects Killed in Lahore CCD Clash

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Three suspects linked to a gang-rape case in Lahore's Chuhng area were killed in an alleged encounter with the Crime Control Department (CCD), with one suspect still at large, prompting a police manhunt.

On August 2, 2025, the Crime Control Department (CCD) of Lahore Police engaged in a deadly confrontation with four suspects accused of gang-raping a woman in front of her husband in the Chuhng area, as reported by Dawn. The incident began when police, acting on intelligence, raided a hideout to arrest the suspects, who had allegedly recorded the assault, according to ARY News. A CCD spokesperson stated that the armed suspects opened fire on the police team to evade capture, leading to a fierce exchange of gunfire that left one officer injured, per The Express Tribune. In the crossfire,

three suspects, including one identified as Zahid, were killed, while the fourth escaped, as noted in a post by @ccdpujabF on X.

The CCD traced the suspects within 12 hours of the crime, which involved the assault of a married woman and was widely condemned by local activists demanding justice, per Pakistan Observer. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz praised the CCD's swift action, crediting its formation in May 2025 for reducing serious crime, as stated in her Punjab Assembly address, according to Voicepk.net. The operation reflects a broader crackdown, with Punjab police reporting 453 encounters in 2025, resulting in 201 alleged criminals killed, per Voicepk.net.

Police have launched a search for the remaining suspect, with heightened patrols in Lahore, as reported by The News. The case, registered under Section 375-B of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) for gang rape, has intensified calls for stronger measures to protect women. Community leaders in Chuhng urged authorities to ensure the fugitive's capture to deliver justice for the victim, per Geo News. The incident underscores the ongoing challenge of tackling violent crime in Punjab, with the CCD's aggressive approach sparking debate over encounter tactics.