



Pakistan – Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on 8 February 2018

Are there reports of persons accused of murder being sought by the family of the alleged murder victim? Are there any reports of victims of honour crimes being found and killed in provinces other than the province that the original alleged transgression against honour occurred?

An article from the Express Tribune states:

“To avenge the murder of a family member, three assailants threw acid on a woman, her husband and their daughter-in-law in broad daylight on the outskirts of the city. The incident took place in the Baghbanpura police jurisdiction on Wednesday. The injured were identified as Muhammad Boota, 55, Sarwari Begum, 45 and Shama, 30, of the Mehmood Boota area. The investigation officer of the Baghbanpura police station, Sub-Inspector Ismail, told The Express Tribune that the victims' family nominated four people, including Fauzia, Ihsaan, Danish and Shafiq in their complaint. He said the victims stated that their son had murdered his wife some years ago and was in jail for the crime. The suspects were relatives of the murdered woman. ‘You killed our woman, so we kill yours [is what the suspects said when they carried out the attack], the IO said, quoting the victims' family. ‘This seems to be an act of revenge,’ he added.” (Express Tribune (8 December 2016) *Act of vengeance: Three members of a family suffer acid attack*)

An article from the Abu Dubai-based newspaper The National refers to the killing of a Pakistani in Dubai as follows:

“Two men are accused of beheading their compatriot in revenge for the victim's brother killing one of their brothers back in Pakistan. Prosecutors said that they used axes on the morning of December 31 last year to attack the man, who was on his bicycle in The Springs area in Dubai. A passing jogger saw the dead body and called police. ‘It was about 9.30am when I saw it. I noticed a car speeding off but I didn't have the chance to write down the plate number,’ said the witness, whose age and nationality were not given. ‘They struck him down then repeatedly hit him on the head and neck with the axes, cutting his head off,’ said an Emirati police officer, 37. He added that investigations revealed that the family of the victim and the family of one of the defendants are in a major dispute over a plot of land back in Pakistan. ‘We managed to find out that the brother of the deceased killed the brother of the defendant back in Pakistan, after which the defendant threatened his victim that he would kill him if he ever saw him,’ added the officer.” (The National (11 May 2017) *Man was beheaded in gated Dubai community in revenge killing, court hears*)

An article from Pakistani newspaper The Nation states:

“Two men were shot dead in two separate incidents of 'honour' killing in the provincial capital, police said yesterday. A 24-year-old man was shot dead by his brother-in-law in Lahore's Shadbagh area, police said. Investigators identified the victim as Sabir Yousaf, a resident of Kohistan, who had contracted love marriage with a girl of the same village some five years ago. The couple fled their village and started residing in Lahore in a rented house. A police investigator said the couple shifted to a rented house in Shadbagh area from Nishtar Colony a couple of days ago. Sabir was found shot dead at his rented house early yesterday.” (The Nation (6 October 2016) *Two men killed in name of honour*)

An article from the Express Tribune states:

“Both 'honour killings' took place on Sunday in which two men were shot dead by their brothers-in-law since they did not approve of the victims' marriage to their sisters. Police said they had found the body of 21-year-old Syed Roz on Sunday evening in Bhara Kahu with a gunshot wound to the back of his head. Roz's wife later told the police that her brothers and uncles had allegedly killed her husband as they did not approve of their 'love marriage'. Police officials said that the two had married in Lahore around two years ago and had fled to Karachi fearing a backlash from the girl's family. They later moved to Islamabad. 'They had married without the consent of the girl's family and had been living in hiding all along,' a police officer said.” (Express Tribune (7 March 2017) *Two men killed for honour in Islamabad*)

See also Express Tribune article which states:

“Two persons were shot dead in Okara on Thursday in a suspected revenge attack by a family that lost two of their own at the hands of victims' family. According to sources, Ahmad Ali's family was asleep in their home on Wednesday night when Saddi, Abbas, Zahoor, and five unidentified armed accomplices broke into the residence and opened fire on the family members. Shahzad and Manzoor were both hit and died on the spot. SHO Police Station Saddar Aziz Cheema said that there was bad blood between the two families.” (The Express Tribune (19 May 2017) *Two killed in retribution in Okara as family feud persists*)

An article from the Pakistani newspaper Dawn states:

“A couple who contracted a free-will marriage in Karachi earlier this year were killed allegedly on the orders of a jirga, police said on Monday. Abdul Hadi and Hussaini Bibi, who hailed from Kohistan, married without permission from their elders about a month and a half ago, Mominabad police told DawnNews. They had rented a house within the jurisdiction of the Mominabad police station earlier this month.” (Dawn (27 November 2017) *Couple in Karachi killed allegedly on jirga's orders for contracting freewill marriage*)

A report from News International states:

“He said the victim's relatives told police that he had contracted love marriage with a girl in District Naushahro Feroze three months ago, and the couple had moved to Karachi. They told the police that the girl's family had shot dead Nazeer's elder brother at Naushahro Feroz a few days after their marriage, and later they were trying to locate Nazeer, the official said.” (News

International (16 January 2018) *Man murdered as wife's family hunts down freewill couple*

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