Murder in My Area: Crime Report

District: Gujranwala, Punjab

Time Period Covered: June 2023 – June 2025

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# 1. Introduction

This report examines a notable murder case from June 2023 in the Gujranwala district. The incident involved a triple homicide connected to a long-standing grudge, culminating in a death sentence for the primary perpetrator in early 2025. It reflects ongoing issues of feudal-style vendettas and lapses in law enforcement.

# 2. Objectives

- To chronicle the key details of the triple murder in Burj Tasha (Alipur Chattha).

- To analyze legal proceedings and police accountability.

- To highlight enduring socio-legal patterns in Gujranwala.

- To suggest improvements in policing and judicial responses to prevent repeat offenses.

# 3. Sources of Information

- Dawn News (Feb 19, 2025): “Man sentenced to death on three counts in murder case”

- Express Tribune (Nov 16, 2023): “Quintuple murder rattles Gujranwala” (contextual background)

# 4. Case Analysis

## Case Study: Triple Murder at Farmhouse

Date of Murders: June 29, 2023 (Eid ul Azha day)

Location: Farmhouse in Burj Tasha, near Alipur Chattha, Gujranwala district

Victims:  
- Haji Manawar, 60  
- Iftikhar Hussain, 55  
- Saad Iftikhar (CSS-qualified, set to take post as Assistant Commissioner)

Accused:  
- Nauman Chattha (primary)—arrested  
- Three motorcycle-riding accomplices (later acquitted)

Modus Operandi: Allured victims to farmhouse under false pretence of reconciliation. Opened fire with a Kalashnikov, killing all three instantly.

# 5. Legal Proceedings and Police Oversight

Investigation and Accountability:  
- Initial incident of celebratory shooting in March 2023 led to Nauman’s arrest—but subsequent release raised concerns of negligence  
- SHO and ASI suspended over failure to properly detain him  
  
Court Verdict (Feb 19, 2025):  
- Sessions Court (Wazirabad) sentenced Nauman to death on all three counts and fined him Rs 1 million in compensation  
- All three accomplices were acquitted due to insufficient evidence

# 6. Social & Ethical Analysis

- Recurring Violence & Feuds: The killings show how private vendettas can escalate to public murder sprees.  
- Implications for Governance: The failure to re-arrest after the March shooting exposed systemic issues in rural policing.  
- Elite and State Nexus: The victim’s son was a high-achieving young officer, showing fractures in public order.  
- Public Reaction: The death-penalty verdict was seen as accountability, but oversight concerns remain.

# 7. Conclusion & Recommendations

The Burj Tasha triple-murder case is emblematic of entrenched social vendettas, weak law enforcement, and delayed but decisive judicial action. A more proactive and professional policing system could potentially have prevented this tragedy.

Recommendations:

- Reform Rural Policing & Accountability: Investigate when arrested suspects are released prematurely.

- Enhance Police Response to Intimidation Cases: Expand helpline and protection services.

- Improve Evidence Procedures: Strengthen ballistic, surveillance, and witness protocols.

- Support Victims’ Families: Provide counseling and legal aid for affected families.

- Strengthen Public Awareness: Educate rural communities on the consequences of gun violence.