

Pakistani parents kill 15-year-old daughter with acid over her suspected affair with boy

- **Sister became suspicious after not being shown girl's face at funeral**
- **Father suspected her of having an affair with a boy**

By Daily Mail Reporter

Police have arrested a mother and father in Kashmir for allegedly murdering their 15-year-old daughter by throwing acid on her in an honour killing.

This is said to be the first of its kind in the Pakistani-administered region, although they are commonplace across Pakistan.

Police officer Imtiaz Ali claims the parents confessed to killing the girl because they believed she had sullied the family's honour.



Honour killing: The father thought his daughter was having an affair with a boy

The couple was arrested on Tuesday and an autopsy confirmed that the girl died of acid burns, according to local government official Masood-ur-Rehman.

Police say the couple's eldest daughter brought the case, which took place in a small village in the southern district of Kotli, to their attention.

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- Man accused of hacking up his sister and her daughter, 3, and dumping their remains in the Ganges in 'honour' killing

She became suspicious when her parents refused to allow mourners to see the face of the dead girl before burial, which is a normal practice in Kashmiri Muslim society.

Raja Tahir Ayub, another local police officer, told the BBC the girl's father was furious because he saw the girl 'looking at two boys' on a motorcycle.



First time: Kotli is in a region not known for honour killings, despite Pakistan's reputation

Mr Ayub said: 'He took his daughter inside, beat her up and then poured acid over her with the help of his wife.'

The parents did not take her to hospital until the next day and she died there.

Muhammad Jahangir, the head of the hospital in Kotli said the girl arrived with more than 35% burns. 'There was no way she could survive,' he explained.



Vicious measures: Pakistani women are frequently victims of honour killings

Scores of women are murdered every year for marriages or relationships not approved by their families in Pakistan.

The government made acid attacks a criminal offence punishable with life imprisonment in March.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan said that in 2011, at least 943 women were murdered, nine had their noses cut off, 98 were tortured, 47 set on fire and 38 attacked with acid.