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Girl burnt alive in Ghaziabad over suspected affair

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GHAZIABAD: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly burnt alive, on Monday afternoon, by four residents of her village in a case of "aggressive moral policing," as they suspected she had a physical relationship with one Irfan of the village.

The girl later succumbed to her injuries in a Modinagar hospital.

According to district police chief, Akhil Kumar, Zalis, Asim, Azim and another village resident had been keeping a watch on the girl's house, in Teori village, in the Bhojpur police station area. They thought one Irfan of the village was a frequent visitor to the girl's house when her father was not at work.

"In the afternoon," said Kumar, "the four young men came to the girl's house, and demanded to know why Irfan allegedly frequently visited her house. The girl's younger sister, who felt the visitors were getting violent, ran out of the house. Meanwhile, the accused beat up the girl, and then set her on fire with a kerosene oil. The oil was poured on her from a bottle that lay in her house."

Police have launched a hunt for the accused, after the victim made a dying statement saying they had beat and set her on fire.

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