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Tappal Child Killing Puts Earlier POCSO Cases Under Scrutiny

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Outside the house of the victim's family on Sunday/Swati Goel Sharma

CASE SUMMARY

Disappearance on 30 May	The family reported the child missing in Tappal, Aligarh district. Police registered a kidnapping FIR the next day.
Discovery on 2 June	A sanitation worker found the child's body in a rubbish heap.
Arrests	Police arrested Jahid and Aslam, then arrested two of Jahid's relatives for alleged complicity.
Police account of motive	Police said Jahid acted in retaliation for an insult and had given no motive for Aslam's alleged involvement.
Prior cases	Tappal police said Aslam had previously been booked twice under the POCSO Act and once under the UP Goonda Act.

THE TAKEAWAY

The killing left families in Tappal fearful and prompted residents to ask why Aslam had been free despite two prior POCSO cases.

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