

Gunmen Open Fire in School Before Supposed Double Suicide

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Two men armed with hunting rifles walked into a school in northern Russia, fired two shots into the ceiling and left — only to be discovered an hour later with gunshot wounds to their heads, police said.

Initial police reports gave few details of the bizarre incident in the village of Shuryskarskoye, with the Interior Ministry branch in the Yamal-Nenets autonomous district saying in a statement Tuesday that local police had received a call Monday morning from a school director reporting the shooting.

The director said nobody had been injured, and identified the two men as residents of the village, according to the report. The village head later said the two men were graduates of the school, Interfax reported.

Exactly one hour after the shooting, a police officer found the bodies of the two men in a nearby forest. Both had been shot in the head, and police believe the deaths might have been suicides, the statement said.

"The case looks very strange, we are working on several versions" of what might have happened, an unidentified investigator was quoted as saying by Interfax.

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