

7 Injured in Axe Attack on Siberian School

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A teacher and five students were wounded in an attack Friday morning on a school in the far eastern Russian republic of Buryatia.

Russians are still reeling from a knife attack in the city of Perm on Jan. 15 in which 14 schoolchildren were <u>injured</u>.

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A 9th-grade student armed with an axe attacked his school in the Buryat village of Sosnovy Bor on Friday morning, assaulting a class of 7th-grade students, the Interfax news agency reported Friday.

The student also ignited a Molotov cocktail in at attempt to set fire to the school. The attacker,

five students, and their 41-year-old teacher have been hospitalized.

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Police sources <u>told</u> Interfax that the assailant, a 9th grader, may have had an accomplice who fled the scene. Earlier reports <u>said</u> that up to three people may have attacked the school with Molotov cocktails.

Classes were <u>cancelled</u> Friday amidst a continuing investigation into the attack.

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