

Russian Schoolgirl Wounds 7 in Air Gun Shooting

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A 13-year-old student in central Russia has reportedly wounded seven people with an air gun in an attack planned with two classmates.

A [spate](#) of deadly school attacks has hit Russia over the past six months. The Kremlin suggested in January that the “evils” of the internet may have played a role in the attacks.

“Three girls closed the classroom [door] and began the shooting. One person was taken away in an ambulance. He was shot in the temple from an air gun,” an unnamed student in Kurgan region [told](#) the Znak.com news website Wednesday.

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“They likely decided to repeat Columbine,” the student said, referring to the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in the U.S. state of Colorado.

The state-run TASS news agency [cited](#) regional investigators as saying that they were looking into the incident and that the air gun may have belonged to the schoolgirl's father.

The agency [cited](#) health officials as saying that one injured student has been discharged after being treated, while the other six got away with bruises.

A local journalist [told](#) the Dozhd TV news channel the alleged shooter has been detained.

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