

Russia's Deadly College Shooting: What We Know So Far

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A student at a Russian vocational college allegedly opened fire on campus Thursday, killing a fellow student and returning police fire before fatally shooting himself, law enforcement authorities in Far East Russia said.

Here's what we know about the deadly shooting in the Amur region city of Blagoveshchensk so far:

What happened?

- An unnamed 19-year-old construction and public utilities student opened fire inside the college Thursday, killing another 19-year-old and injuring three other young people, investigators <u>said</u>.
- The three injured students were hospitalized. One of the wounded was in serious condition and was being operated on, the state-run RIA news agency reported.

- Police <u>said</u> they opened fire after the suspect shot in their direction from the second floor of the college.
- They blocked the shooter inside a classroom and safely evacuated students and teachers from the building.
- The shooter then shot and killed himself, according to the Amur region branch of Russia's Investigative Committee, the state body that investigates major crimes.
- Investigators said he used a registered shotgun.
- Eyewitnesses told two news outlets that the suspect had <u>excused himself</u> from class and <u>returned</u> from the bathroom armed with the shotgun.

Who's the shooter?

- News outlets with connections in Russia's security services reported that the shooter's name is Daniil Zasorin. They cited his parents as saying that he allegedly saved up to buy the rifle himself and stored it in a safe.
- Authorities are still working to determine the shooter's motives. Unverified reports <u>suggested</u> that he may have acted after being kicked out of class for coming late, over a personal conflict, or in reaction to a bullied girlfriend.
- Students <u>said</u> the suspect did not have any known conflicts with other students.

What's next?

- Investigators have opened a criminal case into the murder of two or more people.
- Investigators <u>said</u> they will inspect security at the construction college that allowed the armed student inside. Authorities <u>said</u> the college had a working security system.
- The governor of Amur region <u>offered</u> assistance to the victims' families.
- Classes at the construction college have been suspended and will <u>resume</u> Friday.

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