



Six people have been killed and 28 injured in a shooting at a university in the Russian city of Perm.

The **assailant**, identified as a student at the university, walked on to the campus on Monday morning and started shooting. Students and teachers **barricaded** themselves inside the university building to **evade** the gunman while others were seen screaming and jumping from windows.

Authorities said that the attacker was shot during gunfire with a police officer, and then he was arrested. The gunman reportedly acted alone, and he had no political or religious motives. In a social media post, he also said that he was full of hate, and he intended to harm others.

Difficult words: **assailant** (a person who attacks someone violently), **barricade** (to put objects together to block someone from going where they want to go), **evade** (to avoid, to escape).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *assailant*, *barricade* and *evade*
2. Where did the shooting incident occur?
3. Who was the assailant?
4. What did the students and teachers at the university do when the assailant started shooting?
5. Why did the gunman attack the students and teachers in that university?
Was he politically or religiously influenced?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Does this kind of incident happen in your country?
2. Are any other forms of attack take place in your country? What for example?
3. Who or where are the usual targets of the attackers in your country?
What are their usual reasons for attacking or harming people?
4. Can you think of an attack that happen in your country? Tell me more about it.