



Brazil school shooting: Deadly attack in São Paulo

Two gunmen have opened fire at a school in south-eastern Brazil, killing at least six students and two employees, officials say.

The shooting happened at about 09:30 local time (12:30 GMT) when the students were on a break at the state school in Suzano, near São Paulo.

The gunmen, who were wearing masks, killed themselves after the attack, police say.

While gun crime is common in Brazil, shootings of this nature are not. Far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, who took office in January, has signed a decree making it easier for law-abiding citizens to own a gun, a key campaign promise, even though many restrictions remain in place.

Only secondary students were reportedly at the school at the time of the shooting. Police say they found a revolver, a bow and arrow and items that appeared to be explosives.

"I was in the classroom during our break. I thought [the sound] was from bombs. When I realized they were gunshots, I stayed there. I only left when the police arrived," teacher Sandra Perez told O Estado de S.Paulo newspaper (in Portuguese).

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