



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING

READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

Texas shooting: 19 children among dead in primary school attack



Nineteen young children and two adults have died in a shooting at a primary school in south Texas.

The gunman opened fire at Robb Elementary School - which teaches children aged seven to 10 - in the city of Uvalde before he was killed by law enforcement, officials said. The 18-year-old suspect had a handgun, an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and high-capacity magazines, investigators say. The teenager is suspected of shooting his grandmother before the rampage. Local media report he may have been a high school student in the area.

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Chief of Police Pete Arredondo said the shooting began at 11:32 local time on Tuesday, May 25, and that investigators believe the attacker "did act alone during this heinous crime". Texas Governor Greg Abbott said that the shooter, whom he named as Salvador Ramos, abandoned a vehicle before entering the school to "horrifically, incomprehensibly" open fire.

An Uvalde school district police officer, who worked at the school, saw Ramos emerge from the vehicle carrying a rifle and wearing body armour, according to Erick Estrada from the Texas Department of Public Safety, who was speaking to CNN. The officer "engaged" the suspect but was unable to stop him, Mr Estrada said. Two more officers from Uvalde Police Department also attempted to stop Ramos but were unable to do so, and called for back-up. Several of the children who died have been identified.

In a speech from the White House, US President Joe Biden said he was "sick and tired" of responding to mass shootings, as he called for gun control. "How many scores of little children who witnessed what happened - see their friends die, as if they're in a battlefield, for God's sake," he said. "They'll live with it the rest of their lives." He ordered that flags at the White House and other US federal buildings be flown at half-mast in honour of the victims in Uvalde.

School shootings have become recurring emergencies in the US, with 26 recorded last year, according to EdWeek, an education trade publication. On Monday, an FBI report found that "active shooter" rampage attacks have doubled since the coronavirus began in 2020.

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QUESTIONS

A) READ THE SENTENCES BELOW AND MARK THEM T (TRUE) OR F (FALSE).

- 1) The gunman was shot down by police after he carried out the massacre.
- 2) The young killer was just using a rifle to perpetrate the attack.
- 3) The gunman was probably a former student at a nearby secondary school.
- 4) The attacker acted with the aid of his grandmother.
- 5) The teenager's grandmother was also killed during the gunfire.
- 6) President Biden wants to try to control the arms sales.
- 7) Shootings have increased in America since Covid-19 pandemic.

B) FIND IN THE TEXT:

- 1) A synonym of *left* (paragraph 2)
- 2) A word meaning: *One who is supposed to have committed a crime* (paragraph 1)
- 3) An opposite of *isolated* (paragraph 5)
- 4) A synonym of *horrendous* (paragraph 2)
- 5) A word meaning: *fight, get in combat with someone* (paragraph 3)