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Words in the News

Guns in school



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Transcript

No, they're not soldiers. These **armed** men are actually teachers.

At this school in Pakistan, teachers have been told to carry guns **in order to** protect children. One is even acting as a **sniper** on the school roof.

Many schools have taken this **unusual step** following a Taliban attack that killed over 130 **pupils**.

This teacher says he would rather be carrying a pen.

Vocabulary

armed

carrying guns or other weapons

in order to

with the aim or purpose of doing something

sniper

someone who shoots a gun from a hidden place

unusual step

an unexpected decision or action

pupils

school children

Watch the video online: Guns in school <http://bbc.in/1Cg3Bin>

Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

armed / in order to / sniper / unusual step / pupil

1. Human rights groups say that dozens of people have been killed during the protests. The government puts the figure at 12 - a policeman shot by a _____ and 11 looters killed by security guards.
2. The people behind one of the biggest video games of the year are taking the _____ of banning some of its fans from playing the online, multi-player version.
3. A 90-year-old Kenyan woman who goes to class with six of her great-great-grandchildren is believed to be the oldest primary school _____ in the world.
4. Labour Leader Ed Miliband said he would "put working people first" _____ build a prosperous UK if his party comes to power in the general election.
5. In September a man _____ with a knife scaled the White House perimeter fence and gained access to the building.

Answers

1. Human rights groups say that dozens of people have been killed during the protests. The government puts the figure at 12 - a policeman shot by a **sniper** and 11 looters killed by security guards.

Source: DR Congo senate amends census law to allow 2016 election

<http://tinyurl.com/p3ynom4>

2. The people behind one of the biggest video games of the year are taking the **unusual step** of banning some of its fans from playing the online, multi-player version.

Source: Cheating gamers face online ban

<http://tinyurl.com/2ervfdx>

3. A 90-year-old Kenyan woman who goes to class with six of her great-great-grandchildren is believed to be the oldest primary school **pupil** in the world.

Source: Kenyan grandmother at school with her great-great-grandchildren

<http://tinyurl.com/nknflze>

4. Labour Leader Ed Miliband said he would "put working people first" **in order to** build a prosperous UK if his party comes to power in the general election.

Source: Ed Miliband: 'Put working people first'

<http://tinyurl.com/lrnakkd>

5. In September a man **armed** with a knife scaled the White House perimeter fence and gained access to the building.

Source: Flying 'quad copter' triggers White House alert

<http://tinyurl.com/l368xgg>