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Man stabs 8 primary school pupils in central China

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USPA News - A knife-wielding attacker went on a stabbing spree at an elementary school in central China on Tuesday afternoon, injuring eight young schoolchildren, one of them seriously, state-run media reported. The man was quickly taken into custody.

The incident happened at around 12:28 p.m. local time on Tuesday when the attacker barged into Wulidun elementary school in Macheng, a city in central Hubei province. He was carrying a kitchen knife and stabbed eight of the school's students, injuring one of them seriously, authorities said. The state-run Xinhua news agency said the 35-year-old man was arrested at the scene but gave no possible motive for the attack. China has seen a number of violent attacks involving knives in recent years, many of them targeting schoolchildren. Four people were killed and eleven others were injured in August 2013 when a man with financial problems attacked fellow bus passengers and pedestrians in southwestern China, just days after three people were killed and twelve others were injured in another knife attack. And in March 2013, two people were killed and eleven others were injured when a man went on a stabbing spree outside a school in Shanghai.

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