

## Intelligence Bulletin: Gorki-2, Moscow School Attack

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### Executive Summary

- On December 15th, 2025, a 15-year-old Russian student carried out a fatal stabbing at a school near Moscow after arriving on campus armed with a knife, pepper spray, and tactical-style gear, resulting in the death of a 10-year-old student and injury to a security guard.
- The attack exhibited a range of extremist indicators and behaviors, including:
  - Nihilistic violent extremism and militant accelerationism: use of “No Lives Matter” messaging; attack preparation documentation and dissemination online; and emulation of Brenton Tarrant through symbolic references and visual signaling on weaponry and gear.
  - TCC/school-shooter fandom: selection of a school as the target of violence and adoption of Columbine-linked symbolism, such as “Natural Selection,” consistent with established TCC aesthetic patterns.
  - Additional extremist indicators: antisemitic and neo-Nazi symbols and reported identity-based targeting behavior such as questioning victims’ race before attacking them.
- The radicalization and attack by Timofey K. underscores the growing risk of cross-pollination between online subcultures (e.g., militant accelerationism, nihilistic extremism, and fandom-driven imitation) that glorify violence and offline youth-perpetrated attacks.