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At least five people have been killed in a gun attack on a church at a Christian school north-east of the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

Police say four gunmen entered the missionary school complex at Gharyal, a village near the hill resort town of Murree, and opened fire indiscriminately.

An unknown number of people were injured in the attack.

No church service was in progress at the time - those killed are believed to be security guards and church staff, including Pakistani Christians and Muslims.

The attack is the third on a Christian target in Pakistan in the last year.

A grenade attack on a Protestant church in Islamabad's diplomatic area in March killed five people, including the wife and daughter of a US diplomat.

“ We have five dead in our hospital and two wounded ”

**Dr Iffat Rabbani,
Murree hospital**



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Last October masked gunmen shot dead at least 18 worshippers at a church in the eastern town of Bahawalpur in Punjab Province.

'Motorbike' attack

The attack at Gharyal took place at about midday local time (0600 GMT), Murree's mayor, Khurseed Abbasi, told Reuters news agency.

The gunmen are believed to have escaped on motorcycles into nearby woods, he said.

The civil hospital in Murree says it is treating two people injured in the attack.

Earlier reports spoke of at least four wounded.

Police are at the scene, but say no arrests have been made, and no group has said it carried out the attack.

BBC correspondent Zaffar Abbas in Islamabad says police suspect Islamic militants are to blame.

They are also accused of two bomb attacks on foreign targets in the southern city of Karachi since March, which killed 26 people.

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