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## Gas attack hits Afghan girl school in eastern town

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Nearly 50 Afghan girl students were hospitalized Wednesday morning as a gas attack hit a school in eastern Paktiya province, said a source.

"Up to 50 students of the Semin Akbari Girl High School were hospitalized Wednesday morning after they complained of headaches, dizziness and vomiting," a provincial government spokesman Rohullah Samon told Xinhua.

A toxic material may have been speared in the classrooms in the school which is located in Chamkani district before the girls entered the building, he said.

An investigation has been initiated to find the fact behind the incident.

Over the past couple of years, dozens of gas attacks against girl schools have been reported in the militancy-hit country. Last year, the government detained more than 15 suspects involved in such attacks across the country.

No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the incidents so far. Radical Islamic groups and anti-government militants, who oppose girl education, have in the past been blamed for such attacks.