

# Nigerian Student Hospitalized After Knife Attack in Southern Russia

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A student from Nigeria has been hospitalized in southern Russia after a knife-wielding assailant stabbed him in the neck.

Racially motivated violence has been a sore subject for Russia despite indications that aggression toward Africans in the country has been [decreasing](#). At least 57 acts of violence against black people were [registered](#) in Russia in 2010-2016, according to a tally of hate crimes by Russia's SOVA Center for Information and Analysis.

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Authorities opened an investigation into attempted murder after the fifth-year Nigerian medical university student was [stabbed](#) outside a residential building in Kursk, investigators said Tuesday.

The regional Investigative Committee branch identified the suspect as an “unidentified young man.” The motivation behind the attack is unclear.

The 21-year-old student is in stable condition after undergoing surgery, regional investigators said in an online statement.

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