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## DEATH TOLL FROM KAZAKHSTAN SHOOTING RISES AS POLICEMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

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The death toll from the July 18 deadly shooting in southern Kazakhstan has gone up to nine, as yet another police officer died at the hospital.

On July 18, an armed man, later identified as Ruslan Kulekbayev, attacked police officers in Kazakhstan's southern city and former capital of Almaty. Kulekbayev killed six people, injured six police officers and two civilians outside a police building.

On Thursday, the Interior Ministry of Almaty said in a statement that one of the injured police officers died at the hospital.

"The doctors had assessed the condition of the patrol officer as extremely grave. They fought for the police officers life to the end," the statement said.

Last week, two other police officers attacked by Kulekbayev died at the hospital.

Kazakhstans President Nursultan Nazarbayev has described the July attack as a terrorist act.

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