

Education in Danger

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Insecurity Insight has identified at least 140 attacks on education in 15 countries and territories between 01 January and 29 February 2024. Educational facilities have been damaged 77 times, 15 educators have been kidnapped and 14 killed. High incident numbers were recorded in the occupied Palestinian territories (55) and Myanmar (38). This data is available for download on [HDX](#) and includes a brief incident description, details on the reported perpetrator and the weapons used. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Follow [us](#) on HDX for the latest dataset updates.

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Visit our [website](#), join our [mailing list](#). Get in [touch](#) to report an incident or have additional information on an incident we have reported on. The [Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack](#) (GCPEA) provided technical guidance on definitions of attacks on education. More on definitions used by [Insecurity Insight](#) and by [GCPEA](#). * = GCPEA incident.

Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting the provision of education.

Africa

Cameroon

14 February 2024: Along the road between Kumba and Buea, Meme division, Southwest region, a bus carrying Government Higher Teachers Training College staff members was attacked by an unidentified armed group, damaging its doors and front section. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Central African Republic

18 February 2024: Between Zemio and Djema, Zemio, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, Ministry of Education delegates on a mission to assess sites for the construction of a secondary school were robbed by suspected UPC militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of Congo

02 February 2024: In Mugunga neighbourhood, Karisimbi commune, Goma territory, North Kivu province, M23 fired shells at the Nengapeta Primary School Complex, injuring at least three people and damaging nearby houses. * **Source:** [Xinhuanet](#)

Ethiopia

13 February 2024: At a checkpoint in Gute town, Wayu Tuka, East Wellega, Oromia region, a teacher was shot and wounded when suspected Oromia regional security forces opened fire on a bus transporting students and teachers of Nekemte University while they were travelling to Adama for an educational tour. The bus was accused of not stopping at the checkpoint. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

19 February 2024: In Shewa Robit town, North Shewa, Amhara region, around nine ethnic Oromo civilians, including five teachers and three women domestic workers returning to their families from the Middle East were kidnapped by Fano militias from a public bus while en route to Kemise. Eight were reportedly shot and killed on 22 February. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mali

04 February 2024: In Essakane town, Tombouctou region, a school director, his son and another civilian were killed by FaMa and Wagner forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹



Mozambique

03 February 2024: At the Magaia community, Chiure district, Cabo Delgado province, a local school was destroyed by Islamic terrorists during an attack in the village. Houses were also burnt and at least four people killed. * **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

26 February 2024: In Muege community, Chiure district, Cabo Delgado province, a school, 15 houses, and an unknown number of government buildings were burned during an attack 'Christian' village by Islamist militia. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Around 25 February 2024: In M'mala community, Chiure district, Cabo Delgado province, a hospital cubicle and a school were set on fire when Islamist militia attacked the area for a second consecutive day. Six people were killed and around 11,000 residents fled. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Niger

04 February 2024: In Garin Ali village, Tahoua region, students were removed from their classes at a school by suspected IS Sahel militants. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

15 February 2024: In Ogwashi-Uku, Aniocha South LGA, Delta state, two female students were raped and a male student shot in the leg during an attack by an unidentified armed group on an off-campus Delta State Polytechnic hostel. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

16 February 2024: In Ogwashi-Uku, Aniocha South LGA, Delta state, a female student was raped, a male student shot dead and an unspecified number of other students injured in a second attack by an armed group on an off-campus Delta State Polytechnic hostel. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

10 February 2024: In Ombada, Um Bada, Khartoum state, two teachers were kidnapped by the RSF. One was killed and the other was tortured. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 February 2024: In Buram locality, South Darfur state, the Buram Secondary School for Boys was looted and destroyed by the RSF. 170 chairs, 150 stairs steps, 30 teachers' desks, ten cupboards, two large water pipes, a car, doors, windows, roof material and a laboratory were taken. * **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

Around 18 February 2024: In Khwabgah village of Char Burjak district, Nimruz province, a school bordering Iran was turned into a military base by Taliban forces. A Taliban member confirmed that the military base was built after recent border tensions with Iran. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 February 2024: In Qol-e Ardu locality, Herat province, the director of a Roshan Zamiran Private School was attacked and shot dead when unidentified assailants attacked the school. Two armed men reportedly assaulted some staff members. * **Source:** [Hasht-E Subh Daily](#)

22 February 2024: In Kandahar province, the Taliban have ordered school principals to prohibit girls aged ten and older from attending classes below the sixth grade. Additionally, they have mandated that female students from the fourth to sixth grade wear a face covering during their journey to school. **Source:** [Hasht-E Subh Daily](#)

25 February 2024: In Chanzi village, Taloqan city, Takhar province, a school guard was injured and educational materials looted in a nighttime attack on Khaja Chaghan' Boy's School by unidentified armed men. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

01 February 2024: In Myinmu town island township, Sagaing district and region, PDF forces reportedly attacked junta soldiers stationed inside a school.* **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

01 February 2024: In Kawkareik town, township and district, Kayin state, a school and houses were damaged in an attack by junta air forces using the Mark 82, 500 pound (227 kg) unguided, low-drag general-purpose bomb.* **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#), [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#) and [Than Lwin Times](#)

01 February 2024: In Kanbalu town, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a school was damaged and a woman injured in an attack by junta air force.* **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

01 February 2024: In Mandalay city, district and region, a 48-year-old male English teacher and two other people were arrested by junta forces for posting Facebook messages in support of the CDM. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

02 February 2024: In Budalin town and township, Monywa district, Sagaing division, local PDF forces reportedly attacked the military council forces stationed at the Moe School.* **Source:** [DVB](#)

02 February 2024: In Myingyan town and township, local PDFs attacked a school where junta soldiers were stationed.* **Sources:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

02 February 2024: In Mahlaing town and township, Meiktila district, Mandalay division, a bomb was dropped by a PDF drone on junta soldiers stationed on a school campus.* **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

03 February 2024: In Nganzun town and township, Myingyan district, a 32-year-old primary school teacher working at a basic education school was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Voice of Myanmar](#)

04 February 2024: In Daw Si Ei village, Demoso township, Loikaw district, Kayah state, a junta jet dropped a bomb onto an elementary school whilst students were inside, killing four children, aged between 10 and 13, and wounding 10 others.* **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

06-07 February 2024: In Waw township, Bago district and region, an unspecified number of CDM-affiliated teachers were arrested by junta forces. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

15 February 2024: In Yebyu town, Tanintharyi Division, four women, including a CDM-affiliated teacher, were arrested by junta forces. **Source:** [Dawei Watch](#)

16 February 2024: In Ma-Ei town, Taungup township, Thandwe district, Rakhine state, Arakan Army members attacked a high school where junta forces were stationed, damaging it.* **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

18 February 2024: In Mansi town, Bhamo district, Kachin state, a school was damaged and five people were killed in an attack by the junta air forces using Y-8 and Y-12 warplanes.* **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

Pakistan

16 February 2024: In Nasirabad area, Larkana district, Sindh province, a teacher and Sindhi Human Rights activist was shot and killed by unidentified armed men while he was on his way to teach in his school. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Europe

Ukraine

05 February 2024: In Kachkarovka village Berislav raion, Kherson oblast, Kocharovskaya School and 30 houses were destroyed in an airstrike by Russian forces.* **Source:** [Kherson-News](#)

08 February 2024: In Odessa oblast, a school was damaged in a Russian armed drone attack.*
Source: [New Age](#)

11 February 2024: In Korabelnyi district, Kherson city, raion and oblast, the building of an educational institution, a multi-story building, and garages were damaged, and a 61-year-old woman injured by Russian artillery fire.* **Sources:** [Kavun City](#) and [UA Varta](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

24 December 2024: In Gaza college, Gaza city and governorate, Gaza strip, a male Palestinian detainee was hand bound semi-naked on a chair whilst being interrogated by Israeli forces. The incident was recorded and uploaded on YouTube. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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03 February 2024: In Rafah city, Rafah governorate, a number of civilians, including two children, were killed and others injured when Israeli forces bombed a kindergarten hosting displaced individuals.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

04 February 2024: In Al Amal neighbourhood, Khan Yunis city and governorate, Palestinian IDPs were besieged at the Haroun Al-Rasheed school by Israeli forces and tanks.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

05 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, several IDPs taking refuge at schools were injured by gunfire. Nine IDPs were reported shot and killed in three separate incidents.* **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 111](#) and [OCHA Flash 113](#)

05 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, at about 13:00, one Palestinian was shot and killed, and others were injured, at a school hosting IDPs.* **Source:** [OCHA Flash 112](#)

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, 14 Palestinians were killed and others were injured in the attack on the Hinawwi School by the Israeli forces.* **Sources:** [Personal communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, as the result of the bombing by the Israeli forces Haya School was hit. One person was killed and 5 others were injured.* **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 06 February 2024: In Al Mawasi town, Rafah governorate, a girl was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers while sheltering inside a school.* **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

06 February 2024: In Al Amal neighbourhood, Khan Yunis city and governorate, fourteen Palestinians were killed and others injured in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Hanawi school.* **Sources:** [IMEMC News](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Baha](#)

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli military sharpshooter killed a young man at the entrance of Beit Al-Maqdis School where dozens of families were sheltering.* **Source:** [IMEMC News](#)

09 February 2024: In an unidentified location in the Gaza Strip, an Israeli missile was dropped on a UNRWA school.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

09 February 2024: In central Gaza, a kindergarten was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing an unspecified number of people. * **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

09 February 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, 13 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces, including a female professor, her husband and her children. **Source:** [Personal communication](#)

10 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, Israeli forces destroyed the western perimeter wall of a school hosting some 700 IDPs and forced them to evacuate. * **Source:** [OCHA Flash 116](#)

10 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli D9 military bulldozer destroyed the wall of a school. * **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

11 February 2024: In Zaltoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces were stationed inside Tunis Elementary School. * **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

11 February 2024: In Az-Zawada town, Deir al-Balah governorate, a kindergarten was destroyed in an Israeli airstrike. * **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

11 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, two Palestinian boys, including a 12-year-old, were killed when Al Amal Boys School sheltering displaced people was fired upon. * **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 117](#) and [IMEMC](#)

12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces opened fire on an UNRWA school, killing an UN staff member and wounding another. * **Source:** [The Palestine Chronicle](#)

12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, after destroying a part of the Haroun Al Rasheed school, Israeli tanks continued to besiege the school where 1200 displaced civilians were stationed. * **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces set an unspecified number of schools on fire. * **Sources:** [Middle East Eye](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

15 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a UNRWA Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Impaired was destroyed. * **Source:** [OCHA Flash 120](#)

20 February 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing at the Islamic University of Gaza and seven of his family members was killed in an Israeli airstrike on his house. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 February 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli military bombed Zahra Elementary School, injuring an unspecified number of people. The next day, a bulldozer removing rubble was bombed. * **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22 February 2024: In Al Amal neighbourhood, Khan Yunis city and governorate, at least two people were reportedly killed by gunfire at the main gate of a school. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 126](#)

22 February 2024: In Birzeit city, Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, Israeli forces in civilian clothes arrested the president of the student council and another leader of the council at Birzeit University. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering displaced people was reportedly hit by artillery fire. * **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 126](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

26 February 2024: In Khan Yunis, IDPs and UNRWA staff sheltering at a school were forced to evacuate and some were arrested by Israeli forces. The school had the main gate, guard room, and generator damaged by Israeli tanks and bulldozers. One female IDP was reportedly killed during this incident. * **Source:** [OCHA Flash 129](#)

26 February 2024: In Khan Yunis, IDPs and UNRWA staff sheltering at a school were forced to evacuate and some were arrested by Israeli forces.* **Source:** [OCHA Flash 129](#)

West Bank

22 February 2024: In Ramallah city and governorate, two Palestinian students from Birzeit University were arrested by undercover Israeli forces in front of the western entrance to the campus.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Syrian Republic Arab

As reported on 06 February 2024: In Port Saeed Street, Deir Ez-Zor City, the building of the College of Education which serves as the headquarters of the Afghan "Fatimyoun" militia, was targeted by US strikes.* **Source:** [SOHR](#)

14 February 2024: In al-Shnan village, Deir Ez-Zor governorate, a 13 year-old boy was shot dead by the SDF who were stationed at al-Shnan School while he was on board a boat as it crossed the river from al-Qouriya city to the village.* **Source:** [SNHR](#)

21 February 2024: In Bara town in Idlib governorate, a school was damaged when Syrian regime forces shelled the area.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

The Americas

Colombia

12 February 2024: In La Brasilia neighbourhood, Piamonte municipality, Cauca department, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) opened fire on a school van, injuring a 13 year student.* **Source:** [El Colombiano](#)

Haiti

19 February 2024: In Rue Lamarre, Lalue, Port-au-Prince town, a professor at the state university of Haiti was kidnapped by armed individuals. **Source:** [Le Placentin](#)

22 February 2024: In Ouanaminthe town, Nord-Est department, a school director was violently assaulted by bandits with machetes because he had intervened on the radio to demand the students return to school after about two months of disruption.* **Source:** [AmeriqueInfo7](#)

23 February 2024: In Boulevard Harry Truman, Bicentenaire, Port-au-Prince town, six brothers from the congregation of Les Frères de Sacré-Cœur and a teacher were kidnapped by armed individuals while they were on their way to the mission of the Jean XXIII School. The activities of the institution are suspended until further notice. **Sources:** [Haitilibre](#), [Radio Télé Métronome](#) and [Vant Bèf Enfo](#)

29 February 2024: In Damien, Croix-des-Bouquets, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, the premises of the Faculty of Agronomy of the State University of Haiti were stormed by armed individuals. A student was reportedly hit by bullets.* **Source:** [Radio Télé Galaxie](#)

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