

Education in Danger

Monthly News Brief

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Attacks on education

The section aligns with the definition of attacks on education used by the Global Coalition to Protect Education under Attack (GCPEA) in [Education under Attack 2018](#).

This monthly digest comprises threats and incidents of violence as well as protests and other events affecting education.

The [Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack](#) (GCPEA) provided technical guidance on definitions of attacks on education.

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Africa

Nigeria

02 August 2019: In Abuja, suspected Fulani militiamen reportedly attacked a student hostel at the University of Abuja and injured residents. **Sources:** [Latest Alert](#), [Nigeria Today News](#), [New Telegraph Nigeria](#) and [Daily Post](#)

05 August (or around) 2019: In Awka, Awka South, Anambra state, a staff member at an unspecified school was reportedly attacked by Fulani militiamen after he asked them to leave the school premises which they were attempting to use for grazing. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)

18 August 2019: In Ngoksar village, Plateau state, unidentified gunmen reportedly killed a secondary school official of the teacher's union at his home. **Source:** [Viewpoint Nigeria](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

06 August 2019: In a statement posted online, the Taliban warned Afghan citizens to stay away from political gatherings and activities, including schools used as polling stations, threatening that they could become potential targets. The militant group wants to disrupt the election process and describes it as fraudulent. **Source:** [The Washington Post](#)

27 August 2019: In Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, a bomb of unknown origin attached to a vehicle exploded and reportedly killed a university professor who was on board. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Pajwok Afghan News](#)

Indonesia

17 August 2019: In Surabaya city, East Java province, Java region, Papuan students clashed with a crowd of angry local residents after the latter accused the students of throwing an Indonesian flag into a ditch. Police sent to quell the disturbance reportedly threw teargas into the dormitory of the students and arrested 43 of them. **Sources:** [CNN](#) and [The Guardian](#)

Myanmar

15 August 2019: In Buthidaung township, Rakhine State, a primary school teacher who was reportedly detained by the Myanmar military on 9 August was referred to the military hospital for the treatment as he was severely beaten during the interrogation. **Source:** [Irrawaddy](#) and [Bnionline](#)

The Philippines

15 August 2019: In Barangay Bolocboloc, Sibulan municipality, Negros Oriental province, during a series of killings in the province, a civilian was reportedly shot and stabbed dead by unidentified motorcycle-riding perpetrators. The victim was a Grade 11 student and was on his way to school when the attack occurred. **Source:** [Tempo](#)

Europe

Ukraine

08 August 2019: In Zolote, Luhansk region, School 4 was damaged by fighting between unspecified forces. **Source:** [Ukraine Education Cluster](#)

05 August 2019: In Horlivka, Donetsk region, School 30 was damaged from gunfire from an unspecified origin. **Source:** [Ukraine Education Cluster](#)

11 August 2019: In Horlivka, Donetsk region, for the second time in August, School 30 was damaged from gunfire from an unspecified origin. **Source:** [Ukraine Education Cluster](#)

13 August 2019: In Zolote, Luhansk region, for the second in August, School 4 was damaged as a result of hostilities. In total this school has been damaged 13 times so far in 2019. **Source:** [Ukraine Education Cluster](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

01 August 2019: In Kafnabel city, Idlib governorate, alleged Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired a missile on Martyr Ahmad Alloush School, damaging its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

07 August 2019: In al Qahtaniya town, Hasaka governorate, a car bomb reportedly exploded near Khawla Bint al Azwar High School, resulting in casualties and damage to the school's building. The perpetrators were not identified. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

11 August 2019: In Hass village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired missiles near Saned School for Orphans, damaging its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

12 August 2019: In Mouqa village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime helicopters reportedly dropped a barrel bomb near Mouqa Primary School, partially destroying its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

14 August 2019: In Ma'aret al Numan city, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired a missile on Abi al Alaa al Ma'ari High School of girls, damaging its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

15 August 2019: In Heesh village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime helicopters reportedly dropped gas cylinders on a complex of two schools, Hussain al Ali School and Tareq Bin Ziad School, damaging their buildings. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

17 August 2019: In Hazarin village, Idlib governorate, alleged Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired missiles near Basmet Amal School, damaging its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

18 August 2019: In al Qameshli city, Hasaka governorate, a car bomb reportedly exploded near al Sena'a High School for boys, damaging its building. The culprits behind the bombing were unidentified. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

21 August 2019: In al Bashiriya village, Idlib governorate, alleged Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired a missile on al Bashiriya al Feefiya Primary School, partially destroying its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

24 August 2019: In al Nqayyer village, Idlib governorate, alleged Syrian regime warplanes reportedly fired missiles on Ja'far Bin Abi Taleb School, partially destroying its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

26 August 2019: In Ihsem village, Idlib governorate, alleged Russian warplanes reportedly fired missiles on Ihsem Secondary School, damaging its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

26 August 2019: In Damascus, a professor at al Qalamoun University in Deir Atteya town was reportedly arrested by Syrian regime officials and taken to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

31 August 2019: In Ma'ar Shamarin village, Idlib governorate, alleged Syrian regime helicopters reportedly dropped a barrel bomb on al Wehda Secondary School, partially destroying its building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

Yemen

23 August 2019: In Al-Hali, Al Hudayah governorate, the Faculty of Engineering was reportedly hit by artillery shells from an unspecified source. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

Education in Danger safety, security and access incidents

Aid in Danger

These events go beyond the definition used by the GCPEA to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of education including events perpetrated by students, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by students.

Africa

Cameroon

14 August 2019: In North West and South West regions, Ambazonian militia fighters announced a 'lockdown' from 02 to 06 September, calling upon residents and transport service providers to stay at home during that period in what is perceived as an attempt to prevent schools from re-opening. **Source:** [Journal du Cameroun](#)

Nigeria

22 August 2019: Near Khana, Rivers state, a school and the house of a professor were reportedly set on fire after gunmen suspected to be cultists attacked two locations, killing six and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Viewpoint News](#)

28 August 2019: In Donga, Taraba state, an unidentified armed group reportedly attacked and killed a student at a farm. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

South Sudan

06 August 2019: In Cueibet county, Gok state, unidentified gunmen reportedly shot and killed a male teacher of the Cueibet Girls Primary School in a revenge attack. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

17 August 2019: In Fanga, Central Darfur state, military intelligence officers detained three civilians including one teacher, claiming that they had stolen a missing weapon. The three were tortured by officers whilst in detention. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

14 August 2019: In Zurmat city and district, Paktia province, government security forces attacked a gathering of students during an anti-Taliban operation. **Source:** [RFE/RL](#)

21 August 2019: In Mershing town, South Darfur state, three unidentified gunmen reportedly raped a primary school student near the Teiga IDP Camp. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

Asia

India

05 August 2019 – Present: In Jammu and Kashmir region, a military clampdown by the Indian authorities that cut off digital communications and isolated the region has prevented children from accessing schools, and patients from accessing healthcare. Hospitals have also been running short on lifesaving drugs and equipment. **Sources:** [The Wall Street Journal](#) and [TRT World](#)

16 August 2019: In Guwahati city, Kamrup Metropolitan, Assam state, an unidentified group of people reportedly abducted a schoolteacher from Shanti Niketan High School. The teacher was later rescued by Guwahati police from the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border area. The motive behind the abduction is suspected to be personal. **Source:** [Assam Tribune](#)

Pakistan

Reported on 27 August 2019: In Karol village, Lahore, Punjab province, at least six people including students, traders and labourers who were illegally detained were found in a private torture cell run by officers of Gujjarpura police. **Source:** [Tribune](#)

Sri Lanka

07 August 2019: In Jaffna city, Jaffna district, Northern province, Sri Lankan soldiers harassed passers-by and onlookers, who were filming them as they attacked Sinhalese students. The soldiers berated individuals and forced them to delete all photographs and videos. **Source:** [Tamil Guardian](#)

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