Africa

Burkina Faso
12 January 2020: Near Diabatou town, Piéla department, Gnagna province, Est region, an unnamed school was burned during an attack on Bolimanou hamlet. JNIM or ISGS militants are believed carried out the attack. No casualties reported. **Source: ACLED**

18 January 2020: In Roffeneg village, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord Region, an unnamed school was set on fire and seven people killed in an attack on the village by presumed JNIM or ISGS militants. **Source: Infowakat**

23 January 2020: In Donla village, Komonjdjari province, Est region, two teachers were kidnapped from an unnamed school by suspected JNIM or ISGs militants. The teachers were reportedly assaulted or subjected to torture-like methods. The militants seized three motorbikes belonging to staff. The school and all others in the region closed following the incident. **Sources: Infowakat and Burkina24**

Burundi
15 January 2020: On Cishwa hill, Bugendana commune, Gitega province, a CNL supporter and teacher was attacked by Imbonerakure who accused him of having held an illegal CNL political party meeting that morning. The teacher and one other person were arrested by local police and transferred to Gitega city. **Source: SOS Medias**

Cameroon
Around 23 January 2020: In Ayos town, Nyong-et-Mfoumou department, Centre province, a high school principal was beaten and detained overnight by Gendarmerie forces under the orders of a female Nyong-et-Mfoumou department representative. The principal was reportedly assaulted after having asked the official to wait for students to complete a test before visiting their classroom. **Source: Mimimefo Info**

Guinea
29 January 2020: In Conakry, a teacher was reportedly shot and killed while on his motorbike. His relatives accused the police of being involved. **Source: Africa Guinee**

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

* = GCPEA event

Kenya

Mali
01 January 2020: Between Yamtao and Solle, Koro commune, Mpoti region, a school director was assassinated by suspected JNIM militants. Source: StudioTamani.

Mozambique
29 January 2020: In Bilibiza village, Quissange district, Cabo Delgado province, a Technical Secondary School was damaged during an attack by an unspecified armed group. The village Agricultural Institute, a health centre, and other public buildings were also damaged in the attack. Sources: Club of Mozambique I and Club of Mozambique II.

Niger
30 January 2020: In Bouppo village, Tera department, Tillaberi region, an unnamed school was set on fire during an attack on the village by presumed JNIM or ISGS militants. Source: ACLED.

South Sudan
12 January 2020: In Juba, a law lecturer from the University of Juba was shot dead by gunmen wearing police uniforms near a police post at Kubri Haboba, as he was on his way home. It was believed to be a revenge killing. Sources: Radio Tamazuj, Radio Tamazuj II, Juba TVM and Eye Radio.

Asia
India
05 January 2020: In Delhi, dormitories and university halls at the Jawaharlal Nehru University were vandalized by a mob of 50 people armed with iron rods, sticks and sledgehammers during a protest against a fee hike staged by students and teachers. At least 40 students and teachers were injured. Police described the incident as a clash between rival student groups, whilst opposition lawmakers have linked the attack to the Indian Government. In response to the attack, thousands of people, including students, held anti-government protests. Sources: Al Jazeera I, Al Jazeera II, BBC, DW I, DW II and France 24.

18 January 2020: In Hyderabad city, Telangana state, a male Osmania University professor was detained by police over alleged links to the banned Communist Party of India and for academic work on social inequalities. Sources: New Indian Express I, New Indian Express II, Times of India I, Times of India II, Hindustan Times, The Hindu, News Meter and The News Minute.

Myanmar
10 January 2020: In Paletw Township, Chin state, a primary school headmaster and two other men were found dead with knife wounds in a forest. A Khumi Affairs Coordination Council (KACC) claimed that these three men were abducted by the Arakan Army three days earlier, while the Arakan Army denied the accusation. Sources: Irrawaddy, Narinjara News and Development Media Group.

19 January 2020: In Ho Lat Village, Ah Nauk Kin Village Tract, Namhsan Township, northern Shan State, an unspecified number of schools were damaged, as well as civilian houses and a monastery during an armed attack on the village carried by Myanmar military. Sources: ACLED, BNIONline, Daily Mail, Eleven Myanmar and ReliefWeb.
The Philippines
06 January 2020: In Bacnotan municipality, La Union province, a public high school teacher was shot dead by unidentified perpetrators outside the Bacnotan National High School. The teacher had allegedly been involved with illegal substances. **Sources:** Manila Bulletin and Northbound Asia

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq
12 January 2020: In Wasit city and governorate, Iraqi security services clashed violently with protestors demonstrating at the University of Wasit against corruption, poor economic conditions and a lack of public services, resulting in injuries to fifty-nine people and damage to the university entrance. **Sources:** Middle East Monitor, The Times of India, Haber7, The Nation, Al Jazeera, Russia Today, NRT and Twitter

28 January 2020: In Baghdad, unidentified perpetrators reportedly shot and killed a male professor at Al-Mustansiriya State University. **Sources:** Alihtijaj, Al Arabiya, France24, Masr20, Kurdistan24, Nina News and Scholars at Risk

Islamic Republic of Iran
**Update:** 07 January 2020: The Iranian Government dropped a spying charge against an Iranian-French University academic, who has been detained since 2019. **Source:** RFE RL

**Update:** Around 21 January 2020: In Tehran, the Iranian Government continued to detain a British-Australian Islamic Studies lecturer of the Melbourne University at Evin Prison on espionage charges. According to letters that she smuggled out of prison; Iranian authorities offered her to work for the intelligence branch of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps but she refused. **Source:** RFE RL

Libya
03 January 2020: Near Mitiga International Airport, Soug al Juma’aa district, Tripoli, an unnamed school was damaged, and children injured in shelling allegedly originating from Field Marshal Haftar’s Libyan National Army. **Sources:** The Libya Observer and Libya Alahrar TV

Occupied Palestinian Territories
19 January 2020: In Deir Nizam village, west Ramallah, West Bank, a high school was stormed by Israeli soldiers who ransacked classrooms and threatened to arrest students who they alleged had thrown stones at illegal settlers’ vehicles. **Source:** IMEMC

Around 28 January 2020: In the West Bank, Israeli settlers set fire to an unnamed Palestinian school, and scrawled anti-Palestinian graffiti on its walls. **Source:** Asharq Al-Awsat

Syrian Arab Republic
01 January 2020: In al Sharqi neighborhood, Sarmin city, Idlib governorate, a teacher and four students were killed when a missile loaded with cluster munitions fired by Syrian regime forces landed near Martyr Abdou al Sheikh Salameh Primary School. **Sources:** SNHR I, SNHR II and Airwars

05 January 2020: In al Gharbi neighbourhood, Ariha city, Idlib governorate, al Muhdatheh School was damaged by missiles fired by Syrian regime warplanes nearby. **Sources:** SNHR and Shaam News

10 January 2020: In Khan al Sebel village, Idlib governorate, Khan al Sebel al Shamaliya school was damaged by barrel bombs dropped by Syrian regime military helicopters. **Source:** SNHR
12 January 2020: In Aleppo city and governorate, al Ittihad Private University was damaged by a rocket shell of unknown origin. Source: SNHR*

15 January 2020: In Ariha city, Idlib governorate, Banat Ariha school was damaged by missiles fired by Syrian regime warplanes. Source: SNHR*

23 January 2020: In Khan al Sebel village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime warplanes fired a missile on Mazra’et Khan al Sebel School, damaging its building. Source: SNHR*

28 January 2020: In Houta village, Aleppo governorate, al Houta al Janoubia school was partially destroyed by missiles fired by Russian regime warplanes fired nearby. Source: SNHR*

28 January 2020: In Maghara village, Jabal Zawey area, Idlib governorate, Ali al Khatib Primary School was severely destroyed by a barrel bomb dropped on the building by Syrian regime forces helicopters. Source: SNHR*

Yemen
12 January 2020: In Al Mudhaffar district, Taiz governorate, artillery shells of unidentified origin hit the vicinity of the As Said Educational Complex, injuring a child who was inside its building at the time. Source: CIMP*

20 January 2020: In Ar Rubu, Sharab As Salam district, Taizz province, a teacher was killed by unidentified gunmen in Ar Rubu market. Source: ACLED¹

Other safety, security and access incidents
This section covers non-KKA or DD incidents affecting teachers and schools e.g. assaults, injuries, robberies, as well as strikes and other events affecting the provision of education.

Africa
Malawi
Around 29 January 2020: Fears of violent outbreaks ahead of a court ruling about Malawi’s disputed election coming February have forced several schools to shut and send pupils home. Source: CGTN

Mali
06 January 2020: In Bamako, teachers started a five-day strike, after the Malian Government failed to increase their salaries. In response, on January 13, hundreds of students held a demonstration to demand the resumption of classes. Source: Garda World

21 January 2020: Across all Malian regions, teachers launched a 14-day strike, after negotiations for higher pay with the Malian Government broke down. On January 27, the government began recruiting some 15,000 teachers for a six-month contract in order to break the strike. Sources: Garda World, News 24 and WFP

Mozambique
Around 08 January 2020: A member of Renamo Military Junta threatened to attack the education system when pupils return to school coming February, if his family members – who were allegedly abducted by the Mozambique Defence and Security Forces last December 27 – are not released. Source: Club of Mozambique*
South Sudan
Around 07 January 2020: In Mugwo county, Yei River state, South Sudanese Government and SPLA-IO forces who had previously occupied public institutions, including schools and hospitals, for years have vacated and moved to their designated areas. Source: Radio Tamazuj

Asia
India
Around 06 January 2020: In Kashmir region, in the midst of an ongoing lockdown since October 2019, parents continued to refuse to send their children to school for fear that the latter may get trapped in street demonstrations, or as a form of silent protest against the Indian Government. Source: TNH

Europe
Russian Federation
13 January 2020: Schools around Russia were forced to evacuate school children and staff following bomb threats. Source: RFE RL

Middle East and North Africa
Libya
Around 06 January 2020: In Tripoli, an escalation of violence in and around the capital has forced the closure of 210 schools, pushing over 115,000 children out of education. Source: UNICEF

Attacks on students
This section cover events affecting students and school children.

Africa
Burkina Faso
04 January 2020: In Toeni department, Sourou province, an IED of unidentified origin blew up a bus carrying students, killing 14 and injuring four more. Sources: BBC and RFI

Burundi
08 January 2020: In Mutanga town, Mukaza commune, Bujumbura province, a student and CNL supporter was beaten up and detained by Imbonerakure at the University of Burundi, Mutanga campus. Source: RPA and NetPress

09 January 2020: In Mugamba commune, Bururi province, two secondary school students and a retired police officer were arrested by police. They were taken to an unknown location. Source: SOS Medias

Democratic Republic of the Congo
06 January 2020: In Kinshasa, police used tear gas to disperse students protesting rises in tuition fees in front of the University of Kinshasa. On January 08, police gave protesters a day to leave campus, or else they would be declared ‘enemies of the state’. Sources: Garda World, Radio France Internationale I, Radio France Internationale II, Radio Opaki I, Radio Opaki II and La Nouvelle Tribune

Kenya
13 January 2020: In Njoro town, Nakuru county, violent clashes between students and police were reported during a protest on the Egerton University campus. Sources: Standard Media, The Daily Nation I, The Daily Nation II, The Star and Mafans
**Senegal**

15 January 2020: In Bambey town, Diourbel region, police clashed with student protesters at Alioune Diop University during a student strike over the university’s poor infrastructure and services. Sources: Senego, Enquete Plus, Pressafrik, Dakaractu I, Dakaractu II, Xibaaru, Actu Sen and Actu Net*

**South Africa**

27 January 2020: In Pretoria, Gauteng province, police clashed violently with student protesters at the University of South Africa, after the South African Union of Students called for a national shutdown of all universities until their demands, including for student debt to be scrapped, were met. Sources: News 24, IOL, Briefly, Herald Live and Sowetan Live*

**Asia**

**Bangladesh**

05 January 2020: In Dhaka, unidentified perpetrators raped a student of the Dhaka University. The next day, hundreds of students took to the streets demanding justice. Police arrested a man in connection with the rape. Sources: Al Jazeera, The Daily Star and The Guardian

**China**

Around 23 January 2020: In Wuhan city, Hubei province, Chinese authorities detained a Chinese student between 12 July 2019 and 05 January 2020 for tweeting anti-government slogans while studying at the University of Minnesota in the US. Sources: Inside Higher Ed and Time

**India**

05 January 2020: In Dehli, a group of roughly fifty masked individuals reportedly chanting Hindu-nationalist slogans stormed the Jawaharlal Nehru University campus and attacked students, leaving at least thirty-four injured. Sources: New York Times, NDTV, Scroll, Hindustan Times, The Wire, Time and CNN

09 January 2020: In Dehli, several Jawaharlal Nehru University students protesting a recent violent attack that had occurred on campus on 05 January were beaten and detained by police. Sources: NDTV, Jagran, Al Jazeera and Scroll*

16 January 2020: In Shantiniketan neighbourhood, Bolpur city, West Bengal state, two students from Visva Bharati University were reportedly assaulted for organising campus protests against a citizenship bill that had recently been signed into law. Sources: Indian Express I, Indian Express II, Scroll and Outlook India

26 January 2020: In Hyderabad city, Telangana state, police blocked University of Hyderabad students from participating in an off-campus protest march on Republic Day and detained a number of them. Sources: Times of India, The Statesman, News Click and The News Minute*

Around 30 January 2020: In Delhi, a protesting student of the Jamia Millia Islamia University was shot and wounded by a man amidst protests against a controversial citizenship law. Source: BBC

**Indonesia**

Reported on 03 January 2020: In Kendari City, Southeast Sulawesi province, a student was stabbed by an unidentified armed group a day after participating in a peaceful protest against two mining companies in Southeast Sulawesi. The attackers were allegedly from the mining company. Source: ACLED¹

27 January 2020: In Paledang sub-district, Central Bogor district, Bogor city, West Java province, a student who was arrested for assaulting a policeman during a riot against the new anti-corruption law in September claimed that five police officers had assaulted him during an interrogation. Source: ACLED¹
Europe

Turkey
02 January 2020: In Istanbul, a student protest in response to a decision by the University of Istanbul administration to increase the price of meals at university’s cafeteria was met with violence by police. Sources: Ahval News, The Independent, Sendika, Duvar and Evrensel

Middle East and North Africa

Iran
11 January 2020: In Tehran, Amirkabir University of Technology and Sharif University of Technology students protesting the role of the Iranian military in shooting downing an airliner were met with teargas by police while protesting at the gates of the university. Sources: VOA news, Daily Mail and BBC

16 January 2020: In Tehran, Iranian security forces reportedly detained at least eight University of Tehran students in apparent connection with their alleged plans to participate in a student protest over the Iranian government’s role in shooting down a Ukrainian airliner. Sources: Center for Human Rights in Iran, Deutsche Welle, Iran Wire and Radio Farda

Iraq
30 January 2020: On the Qara Tepe-Jabarab road, Kifri city, Diyala province, three students and four others were kidnapped by IS militants at a fake checkpoint. Source: Xinhua

Syrian Arab Republic
Update: 17 January 2020: In Latakia city and governorate, the family of a male college student at the faculty of medicine in Tishreen University who’d been arrested by Syrian regime forces on May 1, 2013, was informed they had been registered in the civil registry as having died on November 24, 2014. Source: SNHR

18 January 2020: In the Reef al Muhandesin al Awwal area, Aleppo governorate, missiles allegedly fired by Russian warplanes resulting in the death of a male college student at the faculty of medicine of an unspecified university. Source: SNHR

19 January 2020: In Daraa city, a male college student at faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Daraa University was kidnapped by gunmen reportedly affiliated to the Syrian regime and was taken to an undisclosed location. Source: SNHR

Yemen
28 January 2020: In Sabr Al-Mawadim district, Taiz governorate, two schoolgirls were reportedly injured when pro-Hadi forces and affiliates snipers fired shots at a school. The girls were transferred to hospital at Ibb province for treatment. Sources: Aden Alyoum, Althawra News and CIMP

The Americas

Chile
07 January 2020: In several education centres across Chile, police officials clashed violently with protesting students, resulting in multiple arrests. The students were protesting in favour of universal and free education. Source: Russia Today and El Periodico
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Key definitions
Teacher: Anyone working professionally in the education system, or volunteering at any level of the education system, including teachers, academics, education support and transport staff (e.g., education administrators, janitors, bus drivers, librarians), or education officials.
Schools: Any facility providing education or resource which is used to support the educational process, including kindergartens, schools, universities, technical and vocational education training institutes, textbook and school warehouse facilities.
Killed: Refers to a teacher being killed. Teacher(s) killed while in captivity are coded as ‘kidnapped’.
Kidnapped: Refers to a teacher being kidnapped, missing or taken hostage.
Arrested: Refers to a teacher being arrested, charged, detained, fined or imprisoned. The classification is based on reported but not independently verified information. Insecurity Insight project makes no independent judgement about the legality of any reported arrest or detention.

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