

BURKINA FASO

Threats and Violence Against Civilians and Vital Civilian Facilities

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Threats and Violence Against Education

04 January 2020: In Toeni department, Sourou province, Boucle du Mouhoun region, an IED of unidentified origin blew up a bus carrying students, killing 14 and injuring four more.

08 January 2020: In Ouagadougou, four students were injured when a grenade exploded at Franco-Arab Darou Kour An Hadis School.

09 January 2020: In Nagare village, Tapoa province, Est region, presumed JNIM and/or ISGS militants set fire to teacher's offices at the village secondary school and burned school material at the primary school. Teachers were also threatened.

12 January 2020: Near Diabatou town, 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.

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.

13 February 2020: In Moussakuy village, Banwa province, Boucle du Mouhoun region, an unnamed school was attacked by a group of ten heavily armed men who burned electoral material and seized food from the canteen.

22 February 2020: In Samboulga village, Lorum province, Nord region, presumed JNIM militants assassinated an educator.

13 March 2020: In Djibo, Soum province, Sahel region, presumed JNIM militants ransacked and burned a school.

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16 March 2020: In Samboali village, Kompienga province, Est region, presumed JNIM or ISGS militants attacked the village of Samboali and burned the primary school and seized supplies. No casualties reported.

30 March 2020: Fourteen education unions suspended their strike and returned to work on March 30th in light of the national context and Covid-19.

OCHA reported 318,000 students had been denied access to education in January 2020 following the closure of 2,410 schools due to insecurity. No further information available.

Threats and Violence Against Healthcare

Around 07 January 2020: In Kien village, Comoe province, Cascades region, a male nurse was kidnapped and subsequently released by suspected Katiba Macina militants.

19 January 2020: In Fadar Fadar, Oudalan province, Sahel region, presumed ISGS militants attacked and caused damage to the health centre. No casualties reported.

19 January 2020: In Kacham, Oudalan province, Sahel region, presumed ISGS militants attacked and caused damage to the health centre. No casualties reported.

26 January 2020: In Gorgadji, Seno province, Sahel region, the body of a health worker from Arbinda was found riddled with bullets, shot dead by unknown gunmen under unclear circumstances.

27 January 2020: In Kelbo department, Soum province, Sahel region, unidentified motorcycle-borne perpetrators attacked a vehicle, killing a nurse on board.

27 January 2020: In Nagraogo village, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord region, three female nurses and one male nurse were attacked by suspected ISGS militants. One was killed, and two others wounded.

27 January 2020: In Tamassogo village, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord region, presumed ISGS or JNIM militants burned a shop and seized a motorbike belonging to the medical centre in an attack on the village.

01 February 2020: In Lamdamaol village, Seno province, Sahel region, presumed ISGS militants attacked the village, and killed eighteen people including a health worker.

26 March 2020: In Hounde, Tuy province, Hauts-Bassins region, police assaulted an ambulance driver for not complying with an imposed coronavirus curfew.

Incidents reported on the [WHO SSA](#)¹ between January and March 2020

As of 31 March 2020, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Surveillance System of Attacks on Healthcare (SSA) documented the death of one health worker and the injury to another on 28 January by perpetrator(s) armed with an individual weapon.² The identity of the perpetrator(s) or the location of the incident is not publicly available.

Threats and Violence Against IDPs and Refugees

24 February 2020, In Goro village, Namentenga province, Centre-Nord region, four IDPs were killed in an attack by suspected ISGS militants on the village. Livestock taken.

24 March 2020: In Barsalogo, Sanmatenga province Centre-Nord region, overnight between 24 and 25 March 2020, Koglweogo militiamen abducted a man from an IDP camp.

28 March 2020: Near Barsalogo, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord region, unidentified gunmen opened fire on a mother and her daughter, both IDPs, as they gathered firewood. The girl was killed while the mother escaped.

Threats and Violence Against Aid Operations

10 February 2020: In Saouga, Oudalan province, Sahel region, suspected ISGS militants robbed NGO staff and seized a pickup truck and computers, satellite phone, and portables.

Incidents recorded by [INSO](#) between January and March 2020

As of 31 March 2020, the INSO dashboard showed one non-AIK³ incident that took place in January 2020. No other information available.

Reported Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings

11 February 2020: In Bourzanga town, Bam province, Centre-Nord region, suspected ISGS militants attacked the residence of a religious leader. As he was absent, the militants sexually assaulted his three wives and seized their mobile phones.

Violence Against Civilians

As of 31 March 2020, 85 incidents⁴ of violence causing 438 civilian deaths were documented by [ACLED](#).

- High numbers of incidents were reported in Sahel (29). During these attacks, 223 civilians were killed. In January, at least 39 male civilians from Mossi and Foulse communities were reportedly killed in a market attack by suspected ISGS militants in Soum province. In March, state forces reportedly killed 32 civilians in Yagha province.
- Centre-Nord also reported a high number of incidents (25).
- Named perpetrators of violence against civilians included:
 - Dozo Communal Militia
 - Islamic State Greater Sahara (ISGS)
 - Group for Support of Islam and Muslims (JNIM)
 - Katiba Macina
 - Koglweogo Militia
 - Military Forces of Burkina Faso
 - Police Forces of Burkina Faso

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¹ The Surveillance System of Attacks on Healthcare (SSA) is a global standardized and systemic approach to collecting data of attacks on health care. This system utilizes the same methodology across countries to address the knowledge gap of the extent and nature of attacks on health care.

² The WHO SSA definition of an individual includes knives, bricks, clubs, guns, grenades and improvised explosive devices (IED).

³ AIK includes aid worker abduction, injuries and killings.

⁴ This includes 16 incidents that affected healthcare (7), education (5), IDPs and refugees (3) and aid delivery (1).

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