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Threats and Violence Against Civilians and Vital Civilian Facilities

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Education

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IDPs

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Aid

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Healthcare

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Sexual Violence

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Threats and Violence Against Education

28 January 2020: In the Agadez region, a teacher was abducted and tortured by unidentified gunmen. The victim was abandoned in a bush by the police.

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.

06 February 2020: In Molia village, Tillaberi region, a teacher was killed in an alleged targeted attack by suspected ISGS militants who attacked the village. Four construction workers were also killed in the incident.

07 February 2020: In Dessa village, Tillaberi region, presumed ISGS militants opened fire and wounded two teachers severely.

10 February 2020: In Famale village, Tillaberi region, an unnamed school was set on fire by suspected ISGS militants. A vehicle belonging to the director of the Franco-Arabic school was also burned. No casualties were reported.

13 February 2020: In Taroum village, Tillaberi region, an unnamed school was set on fire in an attack on the village by suspected ISGS militants. A telecommunications network was also sabotaged in the incident. No casualties reported.

19 February 2020: In Kandadji village, Tillaberi region, an unnamed school was set on fire in an attack on the village by suspected ISGS militants armed with firearms.

19 February 2020: In Gabou village, Tillaberi region, an unnamed school was set on fire by suspected ISGS militants.

Threats and Violence Against IDPs and Refugees

02 January 2020: In Agadez city and commune, Tchirozerine department, Agadez region, nearly 1,000 Sudanese refugees staged a protest in front of the UNHCR office, demanding better conditions, including healthcare, education and relocation to Europe. As the High Court declared the sit-in unlawful, security guards tried to disperse the refugees by shooting in the air

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and releasing tear gas. As violence escalated and people continued to protest, the camp was set alight and 290 out of 331 shelters were destroyed. Nigerien authorities arrested between 350 and 400 Sudanese refugees who they alleged to be in connection to the fire, some of whom later reported cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment at the hands of the authorities.

As reported on 04 February 2020: Outside Agadez city and commune, Tchirozerine department, Agadez region, Sudanese refugees have been forced to sleep in the open despite low temperatures, reportedly as a punishment enacted by Nigerien authorities, after their refugee camp was almost completely burned down in January.

17 February 2020: In Diffa town, commune, department and region, a stampede during an aid distribution for food and money for refugees at a youth and culture centre killed 15 Nigerian women and five children.

20 February 2020: In Kouble Ngourtoua village, Diifa region, presumed ISWAP or Boko Haram militants killed two IDPs and robbed another civilian.

Violence Against Civilians

As of 31 March 2020, 61 incidents⁴ of violence causing 52 civilian deaths were documented by [ACLED](#).

- High numbers of incidents were reported in Diffa region (29). During one incident on 06 February, ISWAP militants reportedly killed six people in Gogone village after accusing them of providing supplies to the Shekau-faction of Boko Haram, which the villages denied.
- Tillaberi region also reported a high number of incidents (25).
- Named perpetrators of violence against civilians included:
 - Boko Haram
 - ISGS (Islamic State Greater Sahara)
 - ISWAP (Islamic State West Africa)
 - Jamatu Ahli is-Sunnah lid-Dawatai wal-Jihad
 - JNIM (Group for Support of Islam and Muslims)
 - Nigerien Military Forces
 - Nigerien Police Forces

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