Africa
Burkina Faso
29 April 2020: In Logobou town, Logobou commune, Tapoa province, two unnamed schools were set on fire and a school guard was shot dead in an attack suspected by JNIM or ISGS militants. Sources: Gulmu Info and Minute BF* Read our latest report on Burkina Faso

Islamists Attack Education
Human Rights Watch’s latest report highlights the devastating impact attacks on teachers, students, and schools by armed Islamist groups has had to children’s access to education in Burkina Faso since 2017.

Burundi
28 April 2020: In Cankuzo city, Cankuzo province, a representative for the Union of Educational Workers of Burundi and two civilians were abducted by police officers and taken to an unknown location. Source: Iwacu

Ethiopia
24 April 2020: In Seka Chekorsa town, Jimma zone, Oromia state, a local Education Bureau staff member was arrested and beaten by Oromia regional special forces over suspicion that he was hiding weapons. Source: ACLED

Mozambique
09 April 2020: In Muambula village, Muidumbe district, Cabo Delgado province, an unidentified armed group attacked the village and vandalised the church of one of the oldest Catholic missions in the province. There are conflicting reports on whether the Vyaka Sabini Secondary School attached to the church was also vandalised in the attack. Source: Platform Media, Fides and RTP

10 April 2020: On the island of Quirimba, Cabo Delgado province, a local primary school, health centre, and the residence of a Quirimba administrative officer was attacked and an unspecified number of houses destroyed by an armed group posing as civilians. Source: Fides

South Africa

08 April 2020: In Soshanguve township, Tshwane municipality, Gauteng province, during COVID-19 lockdown, unidentified perpetrators burned down the Soshanguve High School. This is the fourth school that has been torched in Soshanguve during the 21-day lockdown. In total, 22 schools in Evaton, Sebokeng, Lotus Gardens, Bophelong, Mabopane, Tsakane,
Soweto and Soshanguve, Gauteng province, have been vandalised since the beginning of the lockdown. Sources: IOL and News 24

Asia

Afghanistan
08 April 2020: In the Gulzar Aka neighbourhood, Khost city and province, a school principal was killed by unidentified gunmen. Source: Pajhwok Afghan News

Bangladesh
08 April 2020: In Patuakhali town and district, Barisal division, police arrested a teacher of political science at the Kalachia College for making derogatory comments on social media about Bangladesh’s founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on social media. Source: New Age

19 April 2020: In Shailkupa upazila, Jhenaidah district, Khulna division, the Islamic University president at the Jangalia Government Primary School was beaten up by five or six people for sharing a post on Facebook alleging irregularities in the distribution of government aid among the poor. Source: New Age

China
06 April 2020: In Xinjiang autonomous region, numerous professors belonging to the Uyghur ethnic group have disappeared. The Xinjiang authorities accuse the Uyghur professors of allegedly “harbouring strong religious views” and “politically incorrect ideas”. An estimated 1.8 million Uyghurs have been sent to internment camps over the past two years. Source: RFA I and RFA II

09 April 2020: In Ngawa Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous prefecture, Sichuan province, the Chinese Government has instructed schools to give classes exclusively in Mandarin. Whilst authorities describe the move as an effort to facilitate participation in Chinese modern economy, rights groups call it a campaign aimed at destroying the cultural identity of Tibetan schoolchildren. Source: RFA and RFA

14 April 2020: Chinese authorities issued a directive, now deleted from the internet, informing researchers at universities and other institutions that any academic papers relating to the COVID-19 pandemic are subject to review by state authorities. Source: RFA

Indonesia
21 April 2020: In Banda Aceh city, Aceh province, a male professor of statistics at Syiah Kuala University was convicted of criminal defamation amounting to three months imprisonment and a fine after he posted comments critical of the university onto a WhatsApp group. Sources: Antara News, Article 19, Kompas, Kumparan, Liputan and The Jakarta Post

The Philippines
27 March 2020: In General Santos city, Lone district, South Cotabato province, Soccsksargen region, police arrested - without warrant - a public school teacher for posting on Facebook that people in quarantine were going hungry, whilst a local gymnasium was stocked with aid. Her son was also arrested for allegedly trying to stop the police from taking the teacher. Source: Rappler

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq
06 April 2020: In Abu Saida, northeast Diyala province, a teacher was attacked and injured by an unidentified armed group. Source: ACLED

Yemen
18 April 2020: In Al Hali district, Al Hudaydah governorate, artillery shells of unidentified origin hit the Faculty of Engineering of an unnamed university. Source: CIMP

The Americas

Mexico
13 April 2020: In Villa Tututepec town and municipality, Oaxaca state, a female primary teacher and a man were shot dead by unidentified perpetrator(s). Source: El Imparcial
14 April 2020: In Jaltipan, Veracruz State, a teacher’s residence was shot at and her vehicle set on fire by armed men. A day before this attack an armed group had threatened to kidnap the teacher’s son. **Sources:** Diario del Istmo

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**Threats and Violence Against Students**

*This section covers events affecting students and school children.*

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**Africa**

**Burkina Faso**

02 April 2020: At Kossodo University city, Ouagadougou, Kadiogo province, a confrontation between students and gerdames took place in an apparent escalation of animosities that had started two days earlier. The gerdames shot tear gas at the students who responded by throwing stones. The gerdames then shot to the air, dispersing the students. The students who did not manage to flee were beaten. **Source:** Infowakat*

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**Rwanda**

03 April 2020: In Kigali, Nyarugenge district, Kigali province, an unknown number of girls were raped by three soldiers at the Banyehe school amid the COVID-19 lockdown. **Source:** ACLED*

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**Middle East and North Africa**

**Yemen**

20 April 2020: In Dhamar City, Dhamar province, seventeen university students were abducted by Houthi forces, who reportedly entered several houses to make arrests over a period of 24 hours. **Source:** Al-Masdar*

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