Africa

Burkina Faso
18 June 2020: In the Kabonga area, Kompienga province, a teacher and a merchant were abducted presumably by JNIM or ISGS militants.* Source: ACLED¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo
02 June 2020: In Mangina territory, North Kivu province, a teacher kidnapped on May 31 by unidentified perpetrators was released. The kidnappers had reportedly asked for a ransom. Source: Radio Moto

Ethiopia
30 June 2020: In Arsi Negele district, Arsi region, Oromia state, schools as well as businesses and other buildings associated with ethnic Amhara residents were burned by Qerroo (Oromo youth organizations) in an attack that followed the killing of a popular Oromo musician. At least eight people were killed and many injured. Source: ACLED¹

Madagascar
17 June 2020: In Tomramosy near Marotsiraka market, Amboasary-Atsimo district, Anosy region, a teacher en route to the Marotsiraka market was killed by bandits who attacked and robbed civilians. Source: ACLED¹

Mozambique
14 June 2020: At the Chizizira area, Grudja locality, Búzi district, Sofala province, the body of the director of Marrongamissi II Primary School was found. He had been abducted from his residence in mid-May by the militant group RENAMO.* Source: O Pais

27 June 2020: In Mocimboa da Praia town, Cabo Delgado province, a high school was set on fire during armed clashes.* Source: Club of Mozambique

Sudan
14 June 2020: In Tello district, Kadugli city, South Kordofan state, members of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in seven vehicles mounted with machine guns stormed the El Zahraa school Basic School for Girls, dug trenches around the school and turned it into a military training centre.* Source: Dabanga Sudan

South Sudan
20 June 2020: In the Romogi area, Kajo Keji town and county, Equatoria state, six armed men from the South Sudan People’s Defence Forces (SSPDF), who had deserted their army units in the area, broke into the compound of the Kajo Keji Christian College and looted the offices of the American Refugee Committee and the Norwegian Refugee Council. The perpetrators stole a substantial amount of cash, nine mobile phones, one laptop, two backpacks and a harddrive. The SSPDF launched a manhunt for the perpetrators.* Sources: Eye Radio and Radio Tamazuj
Asia

Bangladesh

13 June 2020: In Rangpur city, district and division, police arrested a Begum Rokeya University teacher for Facebook comment on the death of the Awami League leader. Sources: Dhaka Tribune and New Age

18 June 2020: In Rajshahi city, district and division, police arrested a professor of the Rajshahi University after a case was filed against him for defaming a deceased Awami League leader. He was given a jail sentence of an unspecified time. Sources: Dhaka Tribune and New Age

China

04 June 2020: In Wuzhou city, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, an attack by a security guard at the Wangfu Town Central Primary School left approximately 40 students and staffs injured. Police have since detained the perpetrator. Sources: AFP and First Post

India

14 June 2020: At Gandhigram area, West Tripura district, Tripura state, a teacher was attacked at his house by unidentified perpetrators believed to be militants allied to the ruling BJP party. The teacher was attacked for having participated in an agitational programme seeking jobs named 'We are 10,323'. His family was also threatened in case he persists in joining such movements. Sources: Tripura Infoway I, Tripura Infoway II and Tripura Infoway III

14 June 2020: At Ranir Bazar area, West Tripura district, Tripura state, another teacher was attacked at his house and his family threatened in case he persists in joining movements under the aegis of 'We are 10,323' organization. Sources: Tripura Infoway I, Tripura Infoway II and Tripura Infoway III

29 June 2020: In Kamalpur, Dhalai district, Tripura state, a disabled teacher of the 10,323 group and his wife were injured by armed assailants affiliated with BJP in a suspected politically-motivated attack. Source: Tripura Infoway

Pakistan

05 June 2020: In Damadola area, Bajaur district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, two teachers riding a bike were killed by a roadside bomb blast. Sources: Asianet

Thailand

05 June 2020: In Na Thung village, Moo 10, tambon Ban Na, Palian district, Trang province, the vehicle of a teacher was shot at by gunmen. No injuries were reported. The teacher allegedly has close ties with a village chief whom villagers are submitting a petition to remove. Source: ACLED

Europe

Slovakia

11 June 2020: In Vrutky town, Martin district, Zilina region, a man reportedly with mental health problems forced himself into an school and, with a knife, killed the deputy principal and wounded a caretaker, a female teacher and two students. A policeman subsequently chased the perpetrator and shot him dead, after the latter tried to defend himself with the knife. Sources: AFP and Al Jazeera

Ukraine

Around 11 June 2020: Across the frontline in Donbass region, daily security incidents continue to damage civilian infrastructure, including water and electricity supply, schools and health facilities. Source: European Commission

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Since the pandemic was declared, the overall number of violently damaged schools declined. However, violence against school buildings remains a concern in Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Ukraine, and Yemen. Continue reading
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Iraq
11 June 2020: On Ikhlas street, Nassiriya City, Thi-Qar province, a teacher was shot and killed by unidentified armed men. Source: ACLED

Islamic Republic of Iran
21 June 2020: In an unspecified location, police arrested the founder and two staff members of the student NGO Popular Students Relief Society that fights poverty, on the basis of a court order, accusing them of insulting the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic republic, and of acting ‘against national security’. Source: ABC, RFE/RL and The New Arab

Syrian Arab Republic
06 June 2020: On the outskirts of Dar’a city, Dar’a governorate, a teacher was shot and injured by an armed group. Source: ACLED

10 June 2020: In al Suwayda city, district and governorate, government troops forced students to participate in a pro-government march. Source: Smart News Agency

Around 12 June 2020: (Update): In Sidnaya, At-Tall district, Rif Dimashq governorate, the family of a male teaching assistant at Aleppo University who had been arrested in 2013 was informed of his death, likely as a result of torture in a regime prison. Source: SOHR and SNHR

21 June 2020: In al Kashef neighbourhood, Daraa city and governorate, an IED exploded in front of al Mahatta al Thaniya school, damaging the building. Source: SNHR

Yemen
29 June 2020: In Al Hal towni, Al Hudaydah province, the Faculty of Engineering was hit by artillery shells. Source: CIMP

The Americas

Brazil
09 June 2020: In Duque de Caxias city, Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area, an arts teacher was at the terrace of his house protesting against racism and religious intolerance when he was shot in the arm and injured. The victim believes it was not a stray bullet but a targeted attack. Source: G1

Colombia
16 June 2020: In Barranco De Loba town, Bolivar department, a teacher who had previously received several threats was killed by heavily armed individuals. Sources: El Universal and Telesur TV

Haiti
15 June 2020: In Petion-Ville commune, Ouest department, a teacher, her husband and their son were shot and killed at their residence by two gunmen. The guard was also shot and severely wounded. However, nothing was stolen from the house. The teacher had reportedly been threatened for several weeks. Sources: Alter Presse, France Info, Haiti Libre, Haiti Press Network and Le National

Africa

Burkina Faso
07 June 2020: In Tanwalbougou commune, Fada Ngourma city, Gourma province, two students from the Fulani community were shot dead by Koglweogo volunteer fighters (VDP). Source: ODH and Le Faso

Burundi
20 June 2020: in Burarana village, Bururi province, a student was attacked by a police officer. The victim died due to his wounds a day later. The police officer was arrested. Source: Ligue Iteka
28 June 2020: In Mutanga area, Bujumbura city, Mukaza, Bujumbura Mairie, a student at the University of Burundi was attacked by an Imbonerakure who also attended the same university. Source: ACLED

Ethiopia
30 June 2020: In West Hararghe, ethnic Amhara students were attacked by Oromo youth during violent protests following the killing of a popular Oromo musician. At least one person was killed. Source: ACLED

Nigeria
30 May 2020 (Update): In Benin city, Edo state, a University of Benin student died in hospital after she was gang-raped and hit with a fire extinguisher by unidentified perpetrators at the Ikpoba Hill branch of the Redeemed Christian Church of God on 27 May. Sources: Premium Times and Vanguard Nigeria

01 June 2020: In Ibadan city, Oyo state, a female student was raped and butchered with machetes inside her home during a robbery. Sources: Amnesty International and CNN

02 June 2020: In Kuru, Jos South LGA, Plateau state, a female student at the University of Jos was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen. She was released afterwards. A ransom was demanded but there is no information on whether it was paid or not.* Source: Nigeria Punch

Kenya
08 June 2020: In Songa, Saku constituency, Marsabit County, four students, all from the Rendilles ethnic group, were killed by unidentified armed men in a suspected tribal attack. A day later, residents organised a demonstration to protest the killings. Sources: Change, Standard Media, The Star I and The Star II

South Africa
12 June 2020: In Thanong township, Matjhabeng municipality, Lejweleputswa district, Free State province, a female student of the Lerotholi Polytechnic was raped and murdered by three men. The next morning, villagers beat the perpetrators, before setting two of them on fire. Source: Lesotho Times

Asia
Bangladesh
27 June 2020: In Tahirpur, Sunamganja district, a Bangladeshi student was shot dead by Indian BSF when he crossed the Badaghata border to collect wood. Source: ACLED

India
Around 30 June 2020: In Srinagar city, Jammu and Kashmir state, a female student of the Kashmir University was beaten with a baton and threatened by an Indian soldier while she was on her way to the university.* Source: Pakistan Press International

Pakistan
23 June 2020: In Quetta city, Balochistan province, police manhandled, baton-charged and arrested an unspecified number of protesting female students demanding free internet access for online classes. The students were released shortly after. On 25 June, the provincial government suspended the Superintendent of Police and ordered departmental action against a female constable for manhandling the protesters.* Sources: Global Voices, The Express Tribune I and The Express Tribune II

Middle East and North Africa
Syrian Arab Republic
11 June 2020: In Daraa city and governorate, a male student at the Faculty of Law in Damascus University’s Dara’a campus was kidnapped and taken to an undisclosed location.* Source: SNHR

18 June 2020: In Ma’ar Zita village, Idlib governorate, the family of a male college student who had been arrested by Hay’at Tahrir al Sham (HTS) personnel on October 19, 2019, received information confirming that the student was executed by firing squad on April 15, 2020, inside a detention center.* Source: SNHR
The Americas

United States of America

30 May 2020: In Atlanta city, Georgia state, in the midst of Black Lives Matter protests, police attacked the vehicle of a Morehouse College graduate and his passenger student of the Spelman College, before physically assaulting and arresting them both, using a Taser gun. The former victim was detained for one night. The incident was caught on camera and went viral, prompting fellow students to stage a protest. The police who attacked them were later fired. Source: Rolling Out

13 June 2020: In Portland city, Multnomah county, Oregon state, in the midst of Black Lives Matter protests, police beat and jailed two graduate students of the Oregon Health and Science University for offering first aid, snacks and ice packs to protesters. Source: Portland Mercury

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1 Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) database attribution policy, Accessed 5 July 2020