

Education in Danger

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Insecurity Insight publishes data on incidents where teachers were killed, kidnapped or arrested (KKA) and incidents where schools were damaged or destroyed by a perpetrator including state and non-state actors, criminals, individuals, students and other staff members. **Access the data via our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).**

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The [Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack](#) (GCPEA) provided technical guidance on definitions of attacks on education. More on definitions used by [Insecurity Insight](#) and by [GCPEA](#). * = GCPEA incident.

Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting the provision of education.

Africa

Angola

01 July 2021: In Uige city, Uige province, 11 teachers were taken into custody during a protest against unpaid wages. The teachers were reportedly tortured by police officers before being released.* **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [CPJ](#)

Burkina Faso

01 July 2021: In Doubou village, Bilanga commune, Gnagna province, suspected Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM) militants looted the canteen of a school.* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

16 July 2021: In Kibare, Tobou, and Kyriomdeni villages, Bilanga commune, Gnagna province, suspected JNIM militants burnt down a school (Kibare), looted two school canteens (Kyriomdeni and Tobou) and looted the school director's residence (Tobou).* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Burundi

07 July 2021: In Nyarunazi village, Rutegama commune, Muramvya province, a male teacher was abducted by police and Imbonerakure. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

09 July 2021: In Murinda Hill, Vugizo commune, Makamba province, a teacher was abducted from his home by police officers travelling in two National Intelligence Service (SNR) vehicles. The officers also attacked and injured his wife during the abduction. **Source:** [SOS Media](#)

Cameroon

30 June 2021: In Mbingo, Belo sub-division, Boyo division, Northwest region, students and teachers were attacked by suspected armed separatists from Aboh. The students had gathered in a primary school located inside the Mbingo Baptist hospital for the national exam, which took place on 29 and 30 June. The perpetrators interrupted the exam, searched the office, and took all the exam scripts with them. The staff of the school and the exam centre were also intimidated and interrogated, and their phones were confiscated.* **Source:** [Mimimefo](#)

01 July 2021: In Kumba town, Ekondo Titi sub-division, Ndian division, Southwest region, a government high school teacher was shot and killed in his home by suspected separatists operating. According to reports, he had just returned home when the perpetrators knocked on his door and shot him. Reports suggest that the previous GCE Chief Examiner in Kumba town was also shot and killed.* **Sources:** [Cameroon Info](#), [Facebook](#) and [Mimimefo](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

07 July 2021: In Nyabyonyo village, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, a male teacher was abducted and killed by members of the Alliance of Patriots for a Free and Sovereign Congo (APCLS).* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 July 2021: In the villages of Mulinga, Singo, and Tchoro, Djugu territory, Ituri province, Cooperative for the Economic Development in Congo - the Union of Congolese Patriots (CODECO-UPC) militants vandalised a school during a raid on the villages. A man was killed, a Catholic church chapel vandalised, and livestock and other goods were looted.* **Source:** [Kivu Security Tracker](#)

24 July 2021: In Kinshasa city, Kinshasa province, a male student from the University of Kinshasa was shot dead by a policeman during a police check. The student was filming with other students as part of a practical work project.* **Source:** [Radio France Internationale](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

Gabon

28 June 2021: In Libreville, Estuaire province, a male teacher and leader of the National Teachers Union (SNEC) was abducted by armed perpetrators after getting off a minibus in the early evening. He was held for three hours in a house, interrogated, tortured, and threatened with a gun. He was later released on the side of the road. It is suspected he was targeted because of his role in the union. **Sources:** [Gabon Review](#) and [RFI](#)

Kenya

08 July 2021: In Forole village, Marsabit county, a male teacher from Samburu ethnic group was shot and killed in his vehicle by armed perpetrators while returning from school in the evening. A second male teacher who was also in the vehicle survived the attack and received treatment in the hospital for his injuries. Dozens of non-local teachers working in Marsabit county have subsequently asked to be transferred to other regions. **Sources:** [AllAfrica](#), [Nation](#) and [Twitter](#)

Mali

30 June 2021: In Tori village, Mopti region, a school building was vandalised and its school material was seized by suspected Katiba Macina militants.* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Between 02 and 05 July 2021: In four villages across Mopti region, schools were looted by suspected Katiba Macina (JNIM) militants. The villages where the attacks occurred are Nion village, Tori village, Bansi village, and Massakana village.* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

07 July 2021: Between Gao and Bourem towns, Gao Region, two armed perpetrators attacked a male teacher, stealing his motorbike and other belongings.* **Source:** [Studio Tamani](#)

Nigeria

05 July 2021: In Damishi town, Chikun LGA, Kaduna state, gunmen broke into the Bethel Baptist High School during the night where they opened fire and kidnapped between 121 - 140 students for a NGN60 million ransom. Two days after the raid, the kidnappers freed 28 children. Parents of the remaining victims have threatened to burn down the school if the authorities fail to rescue their children. On 23 July, two students escaped. On 25 July, the perpetrators released 28 children, leaving between 81 and 83 more in captivity, while another four students escaped. Provincial authorities ordered the immediate suspension of all schooling due to a spate of student kidnappings. On 31 July, police rescued two more students. Reportedly, three of the kidnapped students died in captivity.* **Sources:** [ABC](#), [Alla Africa](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Council on Foreign Relations](#), [Eons Intelligence I](#), [Eons Intelligence II](#), [Eons Intelligence III](#), [Eons Intelligence IV](#), [HumAngle I](#), [HumAngle II](#), [Premium Times I](#), [Premium Times II](#), [Punch](#), [Reuters](#), [The Irish Times](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [VOA I](#), [VOA II](#)

08 July 2021: Along the Port Harcourt-Enugu highway, Enugu state, unidentified perpetrators assassinated the Director of Scientific Equipment Development Institute. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

11 July 2021: In Bakura, Bakura LGA, Zamfara state, a male schoolteacher at the Government Science Secondary School was abducted by unidentified perpetrators from the staff quarters. The perpetrators also looted mobile phones and money, and abducted two others. All were released four days after a ransom payment. **Sources:** [Blueprint](#), [the Guardian](#) and [Premium Times](#).

19 July 2021: Near Moriki, Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state, a car carrying four teachers of a girls secondary school was ambushed by armed perpetrators. The staff were returning from an inspection visit. The school's vice principal died after a gunshot was fired on the car, and the principal was abducted.* **Sources:** [Daily Post](#) and [Thengozi Media](#)

23 July 2021: In Ungwar Sarki, Kaduna North LGA, Kaduna state, armed perpetrators raided a secondary school and stole exam papers, thinking it was money. The perpetrators followed the exam supervisor who picked up the exam papers previously from a bank. They subsequently forced her to hand over the papers and threatened to shoot her if she did not comply.* **Sources:** [Daily Post](#) and [Tribune Online](#)

South Africa

09-17 July 2021: In KwaZulu-Natal province, at least 139 schools were damaged during unrest following the incarceration of former president Zuma. **Source:** [News24](#)

South Sudan

06 July 2021: On the road between Cueibet town and Agangrial, Cueibet county, Lakes state, a male teacher was shot by armed perpetrators while riding on a motorbike. He died of his injuries the following day. The attack was later described as a revenge attack. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

08-12 July 2021: In Marial-Lou town, Tonj North county, Warrap state, a school was vandalised after fighting broke out between armed youth groups, which continued across several days. A health centre and other buildings were also vandalised and burned.* **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [Radio Tamazuj](#), [Reliefweb](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

16 July 2021: In Thaker, Mayendit county, Unity state, a male primary school teacher was shot and killed whilst teaching a class in the school where he worked. The attack was described as a revenge killing following intercommunal clashes, during which two other people were killed earlier in the day. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

13 July 2021: In Hyderabad area of PD5, Ghazni city, Ghazni province, a girls high school was reportedly set on fire by Taliban militants after they took control of the area a few days before. The Taliban has denied involvement in the attack.* **Sources:** [KabulNow](#) and [Tolonews](#)

14 July 2021: In Sarai Sang village, Taluqan city, Takhar province, a teacher was shot and killed by Taliban militants. A second civilian was also shot and killed. It was reported that the victims were forced out of their homes and subsequently shot.* **Source:** [Bakhtar News Agency](#)

19 July 2021: In Malistan district, Ghazni province, a teacher along with eight other civilians were killed by Taliban militants after they refused to loot shops and move dead bodies. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

Monitoring by Insecurity Insight identified [102 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of education in Myanmar between 1 February and 31 May 2021. This brief provides information on the nature of the incidents and the reported perpetrators. **Download [dataset](#).**

Middle East and North Africa

Egypt

11 July 2021: At Cairo International Airport, security forces detained and interrogated an academic researcher and postdoctoral fellow at Germany's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for 17 hours as she arrived with her family from Berlin.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Lebanon

06 July 2021: In Sir Al Dinniyeh, Miniyeh-Danniyeh district, North governorate, the doors and windows of a mixed public school were smashed by rioters. No one was present in the school at the time of the attack. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

06 July 2021: In Dahiyat Salam neighbourhood, East Jerusalem, a school in Shu'fat refugee camp was demolished by Israeli authorities. According to Israeli authorities, the school was built without a permit, whilst it was reported that the owner had attempted to receive a permit without receiving any response.* **Source:** [Palestine News & Info Agency](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

03 July 2020: In al Gharbi neighborhood, Ariha city, Idlib governorate, Syrian armed forces artillery shells hit Tishreen school, damaging the building.* **Source:** [Airwars](#) and [SNHR](#)

21 July 2020: In al Bara town, Jabal al Zaweya area, Idlib governorate, Syrian armed forces artillery shells hit Ismail Latah Elementary School, damaging the building.* **Source:** [SNHR](#)

The Americas

Colombia

17 July 2021: In Santander de Quinamayo municipality, Cauca department, a male teacher was shot by unidentified perpetrators in a local pool saloon. Two other male civilians died as a result of the attack and others were injured. **Sources:** [ACLEDD](#)¹, [Archyde](#) and [Twitter](#)

Mexico

15 July 2021: In El Durazno town, Coyuca de Catalan municipality, Guerrero state, a male scholar was abducted together with two government workers by suspected members of the Familia Michuacano cartel. His body, which showed signs of torture, was found two days later on the highway. The two other victims were released on the same day. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

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¹Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLEDD) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 August 2021.