

# Attacks on Education in Ukraine

17 February-02 March 2022



Russian troops invaded Ukrainian territory on 24 February. Russian forces have made extensive use of explosive weapons in populated areas leading to widespread damage of educational buildings. Most schools are closed depriving children of education. Some educational buildings have been used as bomb shelters. Many families with children have been fleeing the country. It is estimated that around half of the two million refugees who have left Ukraine are children. International students studying at Ukrainian universities have had difficulties leaving the country.

[Insecurity Insight's](#) monitoring for the period 17 February-02 March 2022 has identified reports of 16 incidents of violence against education. Most incidents reported explosive weapons use.

Reported incidents have been included in this list, when sources appear reliable, after careful examination. However, none of these reported incidents could be independently verified. For further updates on Ukraine subscribe [here](#) by either indicating Ukraine or Education in Danger as your preference.

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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.

## 24 February-02 March: 16 documented incidents

**As reported on 24 February 2022:** In Chuhuiv city and raion, Kharkiv oblast, a missile strike on a residential area wounded 20 people, including a 52-year-old female teacher who received facial injuries after being struck by shards of glass in the blast. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**As reported on 25 February 2022:** Since the Russian invasion, some 500 Pakistani students have been stuck across Ukraine. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**25 February 2022:** In Okhtyrka city and raion, Sumy oblast, unidentified perpetrators attacked a kindergarten, killing six people, including a seven-year-old girl. Doctors were subsequently fighting to save the life of a second wounded child.\* **Sources:** [Amnesty International](#), [BBC](#), [NPR](#), [Save the Children](#), [The New Arab](#) and [Twitter](#)

**25 February 2022:** In Gorlovka town, Donetsk Oblast province, two teachers were killed in an artillery strike on School Number 50. The school's windows were broken and walls partially collapsed as a result of the shelling.\* **Source:** [Save the Children](#)

**25 February 2022:** In Mariupol town, Donetsk Oblast province, School Number 48 was damaged by a missile fired by suspected Russian forces.\* **Source:** [Amnesty International](#)

**26 February 2022:** In Chernihiv town, Chernihiv Oblast province, a kindergarten was hit by an explosive weapon, most likely an artillery shell, which started a fire on the second floor of the school.\* **Sources:** [Amnesty International](#) and [The Guardian](#)

**26 February 2022:** In Vasylkiv city, Kyiv oblast, a technical college was reportedly struck by a missile causing three floors of the education facility to collapse and other damage. A military

college located across the street from the education facility may have been the target of the strike.  
**Sources:** [BuzzFeed](#) and [The Guardian](#)

**27 February 2022:** In Kharkiv city, Kharkiv oblast, School Number 134 was reportedly burned to rubble. Some reports allege the fire sparked due to combat between Ukrainian and Russian forces, while others allege Russian forces laid siege to the building.\* **Sources:** [Economist](#) and [Yahoo](#)

**Around 27 February 2022:** In Kharkiv city, Kharkiv oblast, Russian forces reportedly used School Number 88 near Traktorny Zavod subway station refuge. The school was empty at the time.\*  
**Source:** [The Guardian](#)

**28 February 2022:** In Osypenko village, Zaporizhia oblast, artillery shells reportedly hit a school, setting it on fire. No injuries were reported.\* **Source:** [O61](#)

**01 March 2022:** In Kharkiv, shelling reportedly hit three schools. The strike on School Number 17 produced damage to a wall and blew out windows, in the northern neighbourhood of Saltivka. The other two schools, reportedly one kilometre apart, are in southeastern Kharkiv.\* **Source:** [CNN](#)

**01 March 2022:** In Mariupol city, Donetsk oblast, shelling reportedly struck School Number 16.\*  
**Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Pravda](#)

**Around 01 March 2022:** In Borodyanka town, Kyiv oblast, a suspected Russian airstrike hit near a kindergarten and apartment complex damaged the school's playground.\* **Sources:** [NY Times](#) and [Twitter](#)

**01 March 2022:** In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a 21-year-old male Indian student of the Kharkiv National Medical University was killed by Russian shelling after he left the bunker he had been sheltering in to buy food. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC I](#), [BBC II](#) and [The Indian Express](#)

**02 March 2022:** In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, the Karazin National University and the Kharkiv Regional Police Department were hit and damaged by a Russian missile strike.\* **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Sky News](#) and [TRT World](#)

**02 March 2022:** In Severodonetsk, Luhansk oblast, a missile reportedly struck the gym at School Number 16. Civilians were reportedly taking shelter in the school at the time of the attack, however no casualties were reported\* **Source:** [Interfax](#)

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This document comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to education. It is part of the [Education in Danger project by Insecurity Insight](#). It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of education and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations.

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