

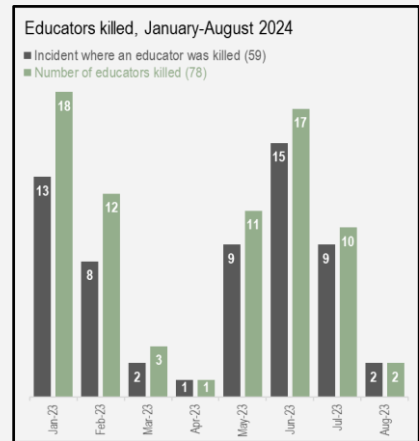
Education in Danger

Monthly News Brief

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Insecurity Insight has identified at least 741 attacks on education in 32 countries and one territory between 01 January and 29 August 2024. At least 74 educators were killed in 59 incidents. High numbers were recorded in the oPt, followed by Sudan. Educators were shot and killed inside schools or their homes, others were killed in school bombings. Eight educators were tortured and killed in Ethiopia, Haiti, Myanmar, Pakistan and Sudan.

The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available [here](#) for download. It does not yet include all incidents reported in this News Brief. Data is updated on HDX every Monday. Due to HDX policy, our data on Lebanon does not include geo-coordinates. Contact [us](#) for curated datasets. Follow [us](#) on HDX for the latest dataset updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.



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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting the provision of education.

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

11 September 2024: In Kanyaruchinya village, Goma communes, North Kivu province, a student was killed and two others injured after the Wazalendo attacked the Mugara institute.* **Sources:** [UNICEF](#), [All Africa](#), [Radio Okapi](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

22 September 2024: In Baraka, Mutambala, Fizi territory, North Kivu province, a teacher was shot dead by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia

01 September 2024: In Habru, North Wello, Amhara region, Fano claimed to have ambushed ENDF military troops stationed in Sirinka secondary School.* **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

17 September 2024: In Gonder city, North Gondar zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of students were killed and injured during fighting between Fano fighters and regime forces in Abinet School.* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

25 September 2024: In Faggeta Lekoma woreda, Agew Awi zone, Amhara region, Dimama primary school was hit by Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) air strike.* **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

26 September 2024: In Mikael Debir town, Libo Kemkem woreda, South Gonder zone, Amhara region, six persons were killed and four others injured after the high school after a drone attack carried out by the ENDF. The school was also damaged. * **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

Around 27 September 2024: In East Gojam, Amhara region, Fano militia attempted to disrupt school openings and the delivery of other public services. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Kenya

11 September 2024: In Gwassi, near Magunga town, unidentified individuals set ablaze a dormitory, at the John Mbadi Oma Secondary School. At least 60 boxes containing student's belongings were destroyed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

09 September 2024: In Layin Dan Auta village, Kuyello ward, Birnin Gwari area, Kaduna state, two nurses were kidnapped from a primary health care centre by a Kaduna militia. The original target of the attack was the local primary school but the militants were unable to find any pupils. **Source:** [Daily Trust](#)

12 September 2024: In Port Harcourt, Rivers state, a student sustained machete injuries during clashes between two Viking splinter groups in a supremacy battle at the University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT). **Source:** [Punch](#)

Sudan

03 September 2024: In El Fasher city, North Darfur State, the Union Secondary School, hospitals, and shelters were damaged when the RSF bombed residential neighbourhoods with heavy weapons. Two people died and dozens were wounded. * **Source:** [Sudan War Monitor](#)

06 September 2024: On the Khartoum-Madani Road, Al Jazirah state, a teacher was shot and killed inside her home by the RSF after she resisted their attempt at sexual assault in front of her husband and children. She died the next day. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹, [Sudan Violations and](#) [Sudan War Monitor](#)

11 September 2024: In the Kafoot neighbourhood, east of the Grand Market, El Fasher city, North Darfur State, the RSF launched artillery shelling, with shells falling on the Ahmed Zein El Abedin School, killing three women and injuring four others, three of whom were taken to the military hospital. * **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 16 September 2024: In the Baram locality, South Darfur state, teachers were facing challenges to receive their salaries. The locality counts a total of 67 governmental primary schools. A school director reported that since 15 April 2023, salaries were paid until July 2023, but at a rate not exceeding 60%, adding that that rate was not enough to cover the teachers' living needs. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

02 September 2024: In the sixth security zone of Qala Bakhtiar area, Kabul-Darul Aman city, Kabul province, a university professor and other people were killed and 13-59 people injured when an IS suicide bomb targeted the Taliban government's prosecution service. The bomber waited until government employees finished their shifts and then detonated the explosive in the middle of a crowd. IS claimed the attack was revenge for "Muslims held in Taliban prisons". **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Al Jazeera](#)

Around 03 September 2024: In Eshkashim district, Badakhshan province, a teacher was shot and killed by the Taliban's district education chief. Some sources reported that the teacher was supposed to be appointed as the district's new education chief and was killed due to this. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

04 September 2024: In Mazar-e-Sharif city, Balkh province, a teacher was shot and killed by two gunmen riding a motorcycle. The men also stole the teacher's cell phone. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

25 September 2024: In Khost province, members of the Taliban Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice (Amr-bil-Maruf) went to an unspecified number of schools in the province and threatened students to grow their beards. **Source:** [Hash-e-Subh](#)

29 September 2024: In Panjshir province, Bibi Amina Girls' School was set on fire by three people, two of which were Taliban members who claimed responsibility for the attack. * **Source:** [Kabul Now](#) and [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

India

15 September 2024: In the Jagargonda area, Sukma district, Chhattisgarh, a teacher was kidnapped, assaulted and strangled to death by Naxal-Maoist rebels after a Jan Adalat (people's court) pronounced him guilty of working as a police informer. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

06 September 2024: In Letyetma village, Mying township, Magway region, a school was hit by three SAC airstrikes. Five persons were killed from the surrounding area. * **Source:** [Myanmar Photopress Agency](#)

25 September 2024: In Lashio city, Northern Shan state, the Technical High School was damaged in a bombing by the Military Council Army. * **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

Pakistan

02 September 2024: In Meragai area, Buner district, Buner, KPK province, a government primary school was torched by TTP militants who later detonated an IED targeting police personnel returning from the burnt school. * **Source:** [SATP](#)

09 September 2024: In Dera Ismail Khan city and district, Dera Ismail Khan division, KPK province, the vehicle of Gomal University's Vice Chancellor was shot at while leaving the Agriculture University by unidentified perpetrators, damaging it. * **Source:** [SATP](#)

Europe

Russian Federation

02 September 2024: In Belgorod city and oblast, Ukrainian military carried out a suspected missile strike, Russian military intercepted some of the missiles, causing the debris to fall over the city, damaging a kindergarten and other civilian infrastructure. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

10 September 2024: In Kashira town and district, Moscow oblast, Russian military intercepted Ukrainian drones causing the debris to fall, damaging a kindergarten and a house. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ukraine

23-24 September 2024: In Zaporizhzhya city, raion and oblast, an unspecified number of educational facilities and homes were damaged amid attacks that killed nearly 30 people, including several children. * **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Israel

22 September 2024: Near Nazareth, Yizreel, HaZafon district, an elementary school was damaged by shrapnel from rockets fired by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon towards northern Israel and the Golan Heights. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

24 September 2024: In Kfar Gidon, Yizreel, HaZafon district, a school and a vehicle were hit by shrapnel from rockets fired by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon towards northern Israel and the Golan Heights. * **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Lebanon

30 September 2024: In Al-Bass Refugee Camp, Tyre city and district, South governorate, the Head of the Lebanon branch of the Hamas organisation and Principal of the UNRWA-run Deir Yassin

Secondary School was killed amid a targeted Israeli strike on his house. His wife, son, and daughter were also killed. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Times of Israel](#) and [The Washington Free Beacon](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza

01 September 2024: In Az Zaitoun neighbourhood, east Gaza city and governorate, Safad School sheltering IDPs was hit by suspected Israeli forces, killing 11 Palestinians and injuring tens of others.*

Sources: [OCHA Update 212](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network](#)

02 September 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering IDPs was hit by an Israeli strike during a supposed pause in attacks in other Gaza areas, under an agreement to allow a polio vaccination campaign.* **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Israel-Palestine News](#)

02 September 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, eight Palestinians were reportedly killed and an unspecified number injured when a gathering of people in front of Al Fakhoura School's main gate were hit by suspected Israeli forces.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 214](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

02 September 2024: In west Rafah city, the vicinity of Firdous School was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing two children.* **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

02 September 2024: In Tannour Junction, Arja School was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing five women and two young girls.* **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

03 September 2024: In western Jabalia, North Gaza governorate, a children's nursery was hit by suspected Israeli forces, reportedly killing seven Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others.* **Source:** [OCHA Update 214](#)

Between 06-07 September: In Gaza Strip, a tent housing IDPs in Halima Al Sadia School in Jabalia Refugee Camp and a prayer hall inside Amr Ibn Al Aas School in Gaza city, were hit by suspected Israeli forces, reportedly killing 12 Palestinians.* **Source:** [OCHA Update 215](#)

11 September 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, at least 18 Palestinians were killed, including six UNRWA staff members, in an Israeli airstrike on a UN school, sheltering about 12,000 people. According to UNRWA, this incident represented the highest death toll among its personnel in a single event since the escalation of hostilities, with the manager of the UNRWA shelter and other team members among those killed. The school has been hit five times since October 2023.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 217](#), [OCHA](#), [Responsible Statecraft](#) and [UNRWA](#)

11 September 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a school sheltering IDPs was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing 14 people.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

14 September 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Shuhada al-Zeitun School sheltering IDPs was hit with two missiles fired by Israeli forces, killing five people, including a woman and two children. Several others were wounded.* **Sources:** [New Age](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Wafa](#)

14 September 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Al-Aliya kindergarten was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing an unspecified number of people.* **Source:** [Wafa](#)

14 September 2024: In An Nasr area, northwest of Gaza city and governorate, a fuel-filling facility was reportedly hit near Dar al Arkam School by suspected Israeli forces, reportedly killing five Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 218](#) and [Wafa](#)

18 September 2024: In Shuja'iyya area, Gaza city and governorate, Ibn Haytham School sheltering IDPs was attacked by Israeli forces, killing eight civilians, including at least four children.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 220](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

21 September 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, UNRWA's Al-Zaytoun School was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing 22 people, including 14 children, and a three-month-old baby, and injuring 30 others. As a result of the attack, nine children needed amputation. The school was being used as a temporary shelter mainly by women and children.* **Sources:** [CNN](#), [OCHA Update 221](#), [Personal Communication](#), [The New Arab](#) and [WAFA](#)

22 September 2024: In al Shati Refugee Camp (Beach Refugee Camp), Gaza governorate, Kafr Qasim School was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing seven Palestinians.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 221](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

22 September 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, near al-Quds school, a house was hit by Israeli airstrikes.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 September 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah city and governorate, Khalid Bin Al-Waleed School sheltering IDPs was bombed by Israeli forces, killing three people, including a child and her parents.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 221](#) and [WAFA](#)

26 September 2024: In Jabalia, North Gaza governorate, Al Fallujah School was hit, killing at least 11 people including women and children, and injuring at least 22 others.* **Source:** [OCHA Update 223](#)

29 September 2024: In Beit Lahiya city, North Gaza, at least three Palestinians were killed and an unspecified amount of others injured in an Israeli airstrike that targeted Umm al-Fahm School.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

30 September 2024: In Sultan Neighbourhood, Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, Abu Jaafar School sheltering IDPs was bombed at dawn by Israeli warplanes, killing two people and wounding an unspecified number.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

30 September 2024: In Zeitoun neighbourhood, Gaza city, a group of civilians were targeted by Israeli occupation forces after a bomb was dropped from a drone, near the Ein Jalout school.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank

09 September 2024: In northwest Jericho, Jericho city and governorate, students of Bedouin Al Ka'abaneh School were blocked by an armed Israeli settler while on their way to school.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

10 September 2024: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, at least 24 people, including four school students, were unable to leave the UNRWA school and clinic for over five hours, as Israeli forces operated in the area, before they were evacuated.* **Source:** [OCHA Update 219](#)

16 September 2024: In Jericho city and governorate, Al Mu'arrajat East Bedouin Elementary School, which serves about 100 students from two Bedouin communities, faced demolition orders. Israeli settlers, accompanied by Israeli forces, broke into the school during classes and assaulted and injured two female teachers with sticks. Israeli forces arrested and tied up two Palestinians, including the school's principal. Eyewitnesses said that Israeli settlers subsequently beat the two. According to official community sources, Israeli forces confiscated footage from the school's surveillance cameras.* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 219](#) and [The Jewish Independent](#)

18 September 2024: At Jab'a Military checkpoint, near Bethlehem, an unspecified number of teaching staff from al Tawafuq Mixed Secondary School and al Jab'a Boys School were detained by Israeli forces and released after the start of the school day.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

19 September 2024: In Qabatiya town, Jenin city and governorate, panic spread among students of Abu Al Rub and Qabatiya schools following heavy Israeli gunfire in the area. Almost 1,000 students were besieged at the two schools, while eight schools were evacuated.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

22 September 2024: In Jalazon Refugee Camp, Ramallah city and governorate, numerous boys and girls, at the UNRWA school suffered from gas inhalation after Israeli forces fired tear gas near the school.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

24 September 2024: In the Jordan Valley, Tubas governorate, teachers and school buses transporting students were unable to reach school due to the closure of Tayasir checkpoint by the Israeli forces. The prolonged restrictions at this checkpoint have severely hindered teachers from reaching their schools.* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

30 September 2024: In Shu'fat Refugee Camp, East Jerusalem, Israeli forces closed the checkpoint to the camp restricting the movement of residents inside the camp, including students heading to school.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

30 September 2024: In Shuafat Refugee Camp, occupied Jerusalem, students and residents were obstructed by Israeli occupation forces, on route to school and work.* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

07 September 2024: In Aleppo - Sheikh Maqsoud neighbourhood, Aleppo city and governorate, a ceremony for high school students was attacked by PKK-affiliated Patriotic Revolutionary Youth Movement members who physically assaulted a number of the attendees, wounding some of them.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

08 September 2024: In Jasim town, Dara'a governorate, a school was damaged when an unidentified armed group detonated a grenade nearby.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

15 September 2024: In Sarmin town, Idlib governorate, a school was damaged by Syrian regime forces shelling on the area. A child and a young man were injured.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Around 21 September 2024: Along an agricultural road east of Mi'yar Shaker, Tartus governorate, the body of a male teacher was found with gunshot injuries. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

22 September 2024: In Jomleh village, Dara'a governorate, an unspecified number of schools were damaged when Israeli forces shot down a suicide drone launched from Iraq by the Islamic Resistance in Iraq as it passed through Syria toward the Golan Heights. The interception occurred in the village.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Yemen

07 September 2024: In Hubaysh Junction, Al Makhadir, Ibb governorate, a student was kidnapped from Moath Bin Jabel School by Houthi forces, accusing him of 'treason and collaboration' for allegedly tearing down a green banner hung by the Houthi authorities to celebrate the Prophet Muhammad's birthday.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

12 September 2024: In Hamdan district, Sanaa governorate, a girls school was stormed by a Houthi supervisor and his forces who attacked students with sticks for planning and organising 26 September 1962 Revolution celebrations.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Around 18 September 2024: In Bani Falah village, Dhamar governorate, four teachers and other civilians were kidnapped by Houthi force for raising the flag of Yemen and organising celebrations for the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution.* **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

On 20 September 2024: In Jarrafah, Ibb governorate, a teacher and a lawyer were kidnapped by Houthi forces for celebrating the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

On 21 September 2024: In Dhi As Sufal district, Ibb governorate, three teachers were kidnapped by Houthi forces for celebrating the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

22 September 2024: In Hudaydah city and governorate, a professor at the University of Al Hudaydah was kidnapped from his home by Houthi forces for writing about the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution on a WhatsApp group. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Between 22 - 24 September 2024: In Al Hada, Dhamar governorate, a teacher and three other people were kidnapped by Houthi forces accusing them of planning to celebrate the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Between 22 - 24 September 2024: In Jarrafah neighbourhood, Al Dhirar city, Ibb governorate, a lawyer and a teacher were kidnapped by Houthi forces accusing them of planning to celebrate the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

23 September 2024: In Jabal Iyal Yazid district, Amran governorate, a teacher and a tribal leader were kidnapped by Houthi forces accusing them of planning to celebrate the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

26 September 2024: In Al Yahari, Ibb governorate, an unspecified number of teachers from Imam Al Bukhari education complex were kidnapped by Houth forces for arranging a morning activity on the occasion of the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. * **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

27 September 2024: In Al Yahari, Ibb governorate, an unspecified number of female students from Imam Al Bukhari education complex were assaulted by a Houthi-affiliated female school principal associated with the Houthi police. The reason behind that attack was the morning activity prepared by the students on the occasion of the anniversary of the 26 September 1962 Revolution. * **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

The Americas

Colombia

27 September 2024: In Santander de Quilichao, Cauca department, a cylinder bomb with an ELN flag was placed at the entrance of a school, causing panic and classes to be suspended. * **Source:** [El Tiempo](#).

Haiti

07 September 2024: In Ave Christophe, Champs-de-Mars neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, a student from the State University of Haiti was killed by unidentified armed men. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#) and [Vant Bef Enfo](#)

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