

# Education in Danger

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Insecurity Insight has identified at least 152 attacks on education in 20 countries and one territory between 01 January and 27 February 2025. Most incidents were reported in Myanmar, followed by the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), Ukraine and Ethiopia and attributed to state actors. In these incidents, schools, kindergartens and universities were damaged 98 times, mainly by explosive weapons use. The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available [here](#) for download. Data is updated on HDX every Monday. The dataset does not currently include event descriptions due to [HDX](#) policy. Contact [us](#) for curated datasets.

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Visit our [website](#), join our [mailing list](#). Get in [touch](#) to report an incident or have additional information on an incident we have reported on. 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

#### Cameroon

**13 March 2025:** In Maroua city, Diamaré department, Far North province, a male student-teacher from Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) was assaulted by two unknown bandits whilst returning home after giving a class. **Source:** [Humanity Purpose](#)

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**As reported on 03 March 2025:** In Fizi territory, South Kivu province, four schools were converted into military camps, disrupting education for more than 2,000 students.\* **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**Between 17-18 March 2025:** In Walikale territory, North Kivu province, attacks on schools and hospitals, and incidents of sexual violence, were reported during clashes between FARDC and Wazalendo, and M23 rebels. Dozens of people were killed.\* **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**23 March 2025:** In Kindu city, Maniema province, armed men occupied a school, depriving more than 1,000 children of education.\* **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

#### Ethiopia

**05 March 2025:** In Jiga town, Jabi Tehnan woreda, West Gojjam zone, Amhara region, recently opened schools were disrupted when the Arenzaw-Damot Brigade infiltrated the town and opened fire. Only a small number of students were present, and no casualties were reported.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**06 March 2025:** In Waja Timuga town, Raya Alamata district, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, a religious teacher and five students were killed and four students wounded by members of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF). It was reported that there was no active fighting at the time of the incident.\* **Source:** [Borkena](#)



**12 March 2025:** In Woldia city, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, Woldia University was taken over by the Prosperity Party regime to train junior cadres indefinitely, denying access to other users.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**12 March 2025:** In Debre Tabor city and woreda, South Gondar zone, Amhara region, a man was killed near the entrance of Hagereselam Primary School.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**16 March 2025:** In Jama Kebele, Anedad woreda, Misraq Gojjam zone, Amhara region, the Jama primary and secondary schools were used by the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) to establish a camp.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**16 March 2025:** In Debrezeyit town, Mekdela woreda, South Wollo zone, a school, where regime troops were stationed and set up a logistics and command center, was attacked by Fano forces on the third consecutive day of fighting.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**19 March 2025:** In Gubiya town, Dejen Woreda, Misraq Gojjam zone, Amhara region, a primary and secondary school, where regime forces were stationed, was attacked by the Zambera Brigade, part of the Amhara Fano, early in the morning using explosives and heavy rifles.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**19 March 2025:** In Dembecha town, Yechereka Kebele, Dembecha woreda, Mirab Gojjam zone, Amhara region, a school where regime forces were stationed was attacked by Engineer Kiber Temesgen Brigade, part of the Amhara Fano Forces.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**20 March 2025:** In Jawi woreda, Agew Awi zone, Amhara region, a school was hit by an airstrike from regime forces as part of three rounds of airstrikes on a village and a church, injuring five civilians.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

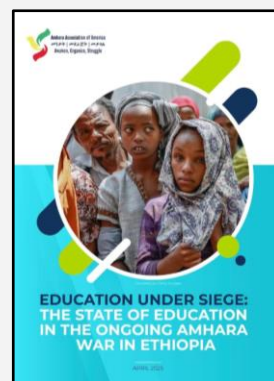
**21 March 2025:** In Tseda sub-city, Gonder city, Gonder Zuria woreda, Semien Gondar zone, Amhara region, the Agriculture college, part of Gonder university, where regime forces had established a fortified military position, was attacked by the Gondere Begashaw and Tadlo Birhan divisions, part of the Amhara Fano Unity in Gonder.\* **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

### Education Under Siege: The State of Education in the Ongoing Amhara War in Ethiopia

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) released a [report](#) providing an overview of the education status in Ethiopia's Amhara Region amidst nearly two years of armed conflict between armed forces allied to the Oromo Prosperity Party (OPP) regime (regime forces) and those of the Amhara Fano self-defense force (Fano). The conflict has severely disrupted essential services, including education, with reports indicating widespread violations of international law affecting civilians.

Nationwide, more than 9 million children are out of school, with Amhara Region being the most affected, followed by Oromia and Tigray. Over 6,000 schools have closed and more than 10,000 have been damaged due to conflict and climate-related events.

In Amhara specifically, data from 11 zonal administrations show that 65.1% of schools are non-operational, leaving over 3.5 million children out of school. Additionally, 1,390 schools have been damaged and over 830 have been repurposed for military use. This report seeks to highlight trends associated with this large-scale crisis.



### Nigeria

**01 March 2025:** In Malahwam Tarangol area, Bokkos local government area, Plateau state, a male lecturer at the Federal College of Education was abducted from his residence around 2:30 am by gunmen. He was rescued by troops from Operation Safe Haven on 04 March.\* **Sources:** [Breaking News NG](#), [Daily Post](#), [Eons Intelligence](#), [Zagazola](#) and [Zagazola II](#)

**15 March 2025:** In Kusada local government area, Katsina state, the Government Secondary School Yashe was stormed by unidentified men with machetes at 5 a.m, killing one security guard and injuring and hospitalising another. A solar inverter was stolen in the attack.\* **Source:** [Zagazola](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Okumagba layout, Warri city, Warri South local government area, Delta state, an 11-year-old female student was raped and stabbed by an unidentified armed group.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

### **South Africa**

**24 March 2025:** In Algoa park, Gqeberha city, Nelson Mandela Bay metropolitan municipality, Eastern Cape province, a 45-year-old teacher was kidnapped by three armed men at around 8.00am shortly after she arrived at her school. **Source:** [IOL](#)

### **Sudan**

**05 March 2025:** In al Thawrat area, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the Balak Girls School was struck during an RSF artillery attack on residential neighborhoods, just half an hour before the students were due to start their school day. One child was killed and five others, including a female pediatrician, were injured.\* **Sources:** [Radio Dabanga](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Khartoum state, the vicinity of Nasser Extension school was hit by a drone strike. Five women were killed, and an unspecified number of others were injured.\* **Source:** [Sudan War Updates](#)

## **Asia**

### **Myanmar**

**01 March 2025:** In Me Tha Na village, Hpa-An township and district, Kayin state, a school compound was hit when the Myanmar military conducted an airstrike and dropped bombs that fell and exploded.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**As reported on 04 March 2025:** In Loikaw township and district, Kayah State, schools, including the University of Technology and Computer University, are being guarded by local People's Militia forces deployed by the Myanmar military junta. Money is being collected from each household, and if residents cannot afford to pay, they are forced to participate in security duties.\* **Source:** [Burma News International](#)

**As reported on 04 March 2025:** In Moe Bwe township, Taunggyi district, Shan state, four schools were destroyed by a fire due to the air, drone and artillery attacks by the military council.\* **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

**05 March 2025:** In Demoso township, Loikaw district, Kayah state, a school was damaged when the Myanmar military launched airstrikes between 11:00 to 13:00, dropping four bombs on an unidentified village.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**As reported on 06 March 2025:** In Kyaukphyu town, Arakan state, students returning to their home villages, after finishing their final exams in the town on 26 February, were extorted by junta soldiers at the Kyauktalone security checkpoint.\* **Source:** [Burma News International](#)

**09 March 2025:** In Gyaing village, Hpa-An township and district, Kayin state, a primary school was damaged at around 06:00 when a local resistance group conducted drone strikes and dropped two bombs on the old Gyaing Bridge.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**10 March 2025:** In Ye-U township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, the May Ka Wun school building in Shwe Pyi Thar ward was struck at around 08:30 by drone attacks launched by Ye-U armed group against Myanmar military troops and Pyu Saw Htee stationed there.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**11 March 2025:** In Htauk Shar Pin village, Pauk township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a school was damaged when the Myanmar military conducted an airstrike using paramotors and dropped two bombs at around 15:30, killing a 55-year-old woman and injuring a student.\* **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**14 March 2025:** In Panyo Village, Myaung township, Sagaing region, a school which also housed displaced people was burnt down by the military council.\* **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

**Around 16 March 2025:** In Nawngkhio township, Kyaukme district, Shan state, Sein Yadanar Priyatti monastic school was hit by a junta airstrike, killing 14 people.\* **Source:** [Burma News International](#)

## Europe

### Ukraine

**02-03 March 2025:** In Kryvyi Rih city, urban hromada and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, an educational facility, a hospital, a tram station, an industrial enterprise and homes were damaged during Russian forces attack on the city with Shahed drones overnight. A woman was injured.\* **Sources:** [RBC](#) and [UAportal](#)

**03 March 2025:** In Andreevka-Klevtsova village, Volnovakha raion, Donetsk oblast, an educational facility was damaged following a Russian airstrike.\* **Source:** [Ukrinform](#)

**04 March 2025:** In Horlivka city, Donetsk oblast, a kindergarten was damaged when Ukrainian forces launched drone strikes and shelled Russian Donetsk Army Forces with 155mm artillery.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**05 March 2025:** In Boryspil district, Kyiv city, the windows of a kindergarten and a school were damaged in a Russian drone attack.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**05 March 2025:** In Kryvyi Rih city, urban hromada, and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, two kindergartens were damaged by Russian forces overnight.\* **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**06 March 2025:** In Nikopol city and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a school was damaged in a Russian suicide drone strike.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**06 March 2025:** Near Karpovychi village, Novhorod-Siverskyi raion, Chernihiv oblast, an educational facility was damaged in a Russian drone strike.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**08 March 2025:** In Okhtyrka city and raion, Sumy region, an educational facility was damaged in a Russian Shahed drone strike.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**10 March 2025:** In Bilytske city, Dobropillia urban hromada, Pokrovsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an educational facility was damaged in a Russian airstrike.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**11 March 2025:** In Dnipro city and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a kindergarten and a school were damaged by a Russian drone and debris from the fallen drone.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**13 March 2025:** Near Karpovychi village, Semenivska urban hromada, Novhorod-Siverskyi raion, Chernihiv oblast, an educational facility was damaged in a Russian drone strike.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**15 March 2025:** In Bogodukhiv city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, the roof of a high school was hit by two drone attacks by the Russian forces around 00:55 am, causing a fire covering the area of 500 sq. m. An hour later, the rescue team were struck, damaging a fire tanker and five school buses. Four people were injured.\* **Sources:** [Gordon](#), [Kharkiv Times](#), [SHO](#), [State Emergency Service](#), [Status Quo](#), [UANews](#) and [Word and Deed](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Pechenihi settlement, Chuhuiv raion, Kharkiv oblast, the roof of a school caught fire due to a Russian Shahed drone attack.\* **Source:** [Ukrinform](#)

**24 March 2025:** In Sumy city, raion and oblast, an educational facility was damaged following a Russian missile strike in the city.\* **Source:** [Ukrinform](#)

**27 March 2025:** In Dnipro urban hromada and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, an educational facility was damaged following a Russian drone attack. \* **Source:** [Ukrinform](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### **Lebanon**

**10 March 2025:** In Bint Jbeil, Al Nabatieh governorate, a school was fired at by Israeli soldiers. The school had previously been converted into a service centre following the hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 28 March 2025:** In South Lebanon and the southern suburbs, the Ministry of Education announced the closure of all public schools in the wake of the displacement order by Israeli authorities. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

### **Occupied Palestinian Territory**

#### **Gaza**

**14 March 2025:** In Al Zaytun area, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Subhat al Harazin School was hit by Israeli artillery, killing four children. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**17 March 2025:** In Al-Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a school sheltering IDPs in the east of the camp was hit by an Israeli drone strike, killing five people collecting wood and injuring an unspecified number of others. \* **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup> and [OCHA Update 273](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Al Darraj area, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Al Tabaeen School, sheltering IDPs, was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing 25 people and injuring an unspecified number of others. \* **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>, [OCHA Update 273](#) and [OCHA Update 275](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Jabalya el Balad, North Gaza governorate, Arbakan School was struck by an Israeli airstrike. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**18 March 2025:** In Beit Hanoun city, North Gaza governorate, a school sheltering IDPs was hit by an Israeli airstrike. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**18 March 2025:** In Tal al Sultan, Rafah governorate, Dar Al Fadhila School was struck by an Israeli airstrike, killing two people. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**18 March 2025:** On Al Khamseh street, Khan Yunis governorate, the vicinity of Al Ribat College was hit by an Israeli airstrike. The strike hit a tent sheltering IDPs, causing a fire to break out, killing three people and injuring an unspecified number of others. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**19 March 2025:** In Al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, the courtyard of the University College of Applied Sciences was struck by Israeli drones. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**21 March 2025:** In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, at Daa'wa School, tents sheltering IDPs were hit by an Israeli airstrike, injuring a child. \* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**24 March 2025:** In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, four Palestinians, including one child, were reportedly killed and 18 others injured when a tent in the yard of the UNRWA Al Razi School was hit by an Israeli airstrike at about 11:54. \* **Sources:** [OCHA Update 275](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

#### **West Bank**

**03 March 2025:** In Masafer Yatta, Hebron governorate, the Palestine Mixed Elementary School was issued with a demolition notice by Israeli forces. \* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**03 March 2025:** In Beit Ummar town, Hebron governorate, the playground of a high school was fired at by Israeli forces tear gas and concussion bombs, causing some residents and students to suffer breathing difficulties from excessive tear gas inhalation. \* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**04 March 2025:** In Al Khadir town, Bethlehem governorate, students leaving a school were injured by tear gas inhalation when Israeli forces fired tear gas canisters and stun grenades during a raid on the town.\* **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**12 March 2025:** In Sufin area, Qalqilya city and governorate, the Al-Dawa Islamic College area was surrounded by Israeli forces soldiers.\* **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**12 March 2025:** In Beit Kahil, Hebron governorate, three teachers who were sisters were arrested and held by Israeli forces, after raiding and searching their homes. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**24 March 2025:** In Ein Qiniya village, Ramallah governorate, a school was stormed by Israeli forces leaving the students and the teachers terrorized.\* **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**03 March 2025:** In Latakia town, district and governorate, 3,000 teachers were discharged by the Ministry of Education without proper justification. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**04 March 2025:** In Al-Wa'ar neighbourhood, Homs district and governorate, a math teacher at Al-Hassan Ibn Al-Haitham School was kidnapped by gunmen who claimed to belong to the Internal Security. His body was found in a hospital in Homs the following day with gunshot wounds to the head. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district and governorate, a medical student was killed by Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS). **Sources:** [Militant Tracker](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

**09 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district, and governorate, schools were suspended for two days following recent violence, power outages and disrupted water pumping. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**09 March 2025:** In Tartous city, subdistrict, district, and governorate, schools were suspended for two days following recent violence, power outages and disrupted water pumping. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

### ***Yemen***

**16 March 2025:** In Hanakat Al Masud area, Al Quraishyah district, Al Bayda governorate, the technical institute was hit by airstrikes.\* **Source:** [CIMP](#)

**17 March 2025:** In Aththaorah district, Amanat Al Asimah governorate, a university was hit by airstrikes.\* **Source:** [CIMP](#)

## **The Americas**

### ***El Salvador***

**18 March 2025:** In San Salvador city and department, a student at the University of El Salvador was attacked and injured by unidentified assailants, assumed to be part of the student union, one of whom was seen carrying a sharp weapon. **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

### ***Guatemala***

**04 March 2025:** In San Pedro Ayampuc town, one student was killed and two others were injured when unidentified armed men opened fire on a group of students outside the Doctor Danilo Flores school. **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

### ***Haiti***

**10 March 2025:** In Bas Peu de Choses locality, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, a Girl's High School sheltering IDPs was fired at by the Grand-Ravine Gang and the Base 5 Secondes Gang, killing one person and injuring two others.\* **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**13 March 2025:** In Avenue Christophe, Port-au-Prince city, Ouest department, several schools and State University of Haiti entities were attacked by Viv Ansanm gang members. These faculties closed until further notice.\* **Sources:** [Radio Télé Galaxie I](#), [Radio Télé Galaxie II](#) and [Radio Télé Métronome](#)

**14 March 2025:** In Bas Peu de Choses locality, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, the Infopac School was looted by the Viv Ansanm gang.\* **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**18 March 2025:** In Pacot, Avenue Christophe neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince city, Ouest department, a congregational school was attacked and vandalised by armed individuals. **Source:** [Le Quotidien 509](#)

### ***Nicaragua***

**Around 17 March 2025:** In Managua city, municipality and department, the grounds of the Nicaraguan Technological University were taken over by police under the rule of the co-president. **Source:** [Nicaragua Investiga](#)

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