

Education in Danger News Brief

April 2026



Developments in April 2026

Escalating conflict-related violence and repression further threatened the safety of students and educational institutions across **Afghanistan**, with schools and universities struck during cross-border attacks. In Kunar province, Dangam Central High School was destroyed after shelling reportedly fired by the Pakistani military, while Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan University in Asadabad was also reportedly hit by Pakistani airstrikes, injuring around 30 students and teachers and causing extensive damage. Alongside these attacks on educational infrastructure, Taliban authorities continued to target students through intimidation and discriminatory enforcement measures, including the expulsion and humiliation of Uzbek students at Kabul University over cultural attire and the arrest of students at Herat University for allegedly violating appearance rules. See *Afghanistan* section below for more details.

Increasing incidents of violence, criminality, and insecurity disrupted education and threatened the safety of students and teachers across **Nigeria**. Reports from several states documented school attacks, student abductions, violent assaults, and armed raids affecting both primary and tertiary institutions. In Plateau state, students were evacuated from Jos over security fears following attacks in the area, while in Benue state students travelling to university entrance examinations were abducted by gunmen. Other incidents included attacks on students near university campuses in Ogun and Bauchi states. See *Nigeria* section below for more details.

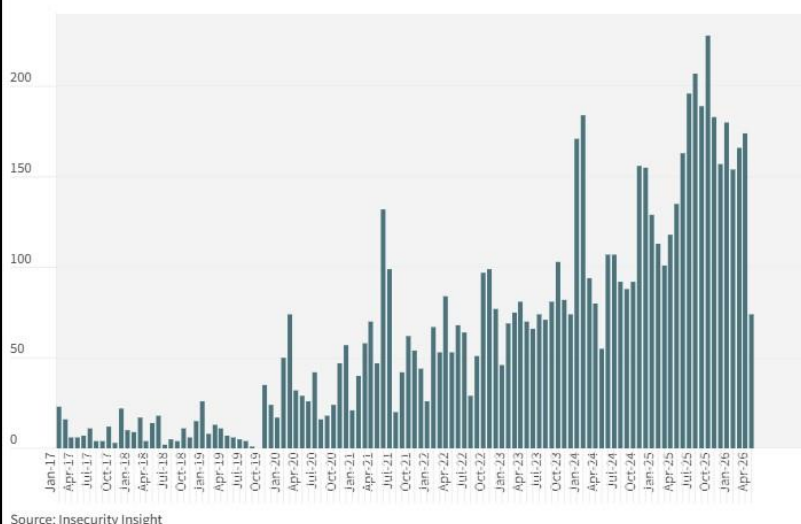
Since the start of Insecurity Insight's Education in Danger open-source monitoring in January 2017 and April 2026, on average 64 incidents per month were identified, covering both political and conflict violence, averaging 1.9 attacks on education every day. The average rose from 32 per month in 2017-2022, to 168 per month in 2025, reflecting both improved open-source reporting as well as a growing frequency in which education has come under attack.

Between January and April 2026, at least 568 attacks on education in 25 countries were recorded. Kindergartens, schools and universities were damaged at least 355 times, 65 teachers were killed, 29 kidnapped and 55 arrested.

Download the [data](#). Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/ when further information is made available. For events descriptions and data enquiries, please [get in touch](#).

Documented Education in Danger incidents, January 2017-April 2026

Since January 2017, 7,253 incidents were documented. 3,860 incidents reported damage to educational facilities. In addition, 773 educators were killed, 807 injured, 862 kidnapped and 1,860 arrested.



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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting the provision of education.

Africa

Cameroon

20 April 2026: In Mbat village, Donga Mantung division, Northwest region, an unspecified number of schools were destroyed by members of the Cameroon Armed Forces. **Source:** [AgovC HHS Department](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

11 April 2026: In Lukweti area, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, school activities were disrupted following clashes between AFC/M23 rebels and Wazalendo fighters, involving heavy and light weapons fire, which led to the burning of hundreds of homes. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

13 April 2026: In Lubumbashi city, Haut-Katanga province, a university professor was arrested by unidentified armed perpetrators. **Sources:** [Actualite](#) and [The Katangans of Katanga](#)

14 April 2026: In Kibati town, Luberike group, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, the vice principal of the Walikale Institute was tortured and later arrested by AFC/M23 rebels while returning from school, accused of collaborating with the Wazalendo, and was taken to a detention centre near Kabati village. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

20 April 2026: In Magunga sub-village, Caminunu locality, Kalonge town, Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, a teacher at Magunga 1 primary school was abducted during class by armed Wazalendo members. School activities were suspended. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

27 April 2026: In Birere neighbourhood, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, an unspecified IDP camp within the grounds of 8th CEPAC Masisi primary school No.1 was raided by armed men **Source:** [Actualite](#) and [Media Congo](#)

Ethiopia

01 April 2026: In Agam Dur village, Bayegirar Qechinmesk kebele, Estie woreda, South Gondar zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of students were killed when Achiqan School was hit by an ENDF drone strike. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

06 April 2026: In Kerniwari kebele, Sedie woreda, East Gojjam zone, Amhara region, a school was damaged and an unspecified number of people were injured by an ENDF drone strike. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates I](#)

06 April 2026: In Metaya kebele, Enarj-Enawga woreda, East Gojjam zone, Amhara region, the Metaya primary school was hit by an ENDF drone strike. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

As reported 13 April 2026: In Injibara town, Banja-Shikudad Woreda, Awi zone, Amhara region, an academic from Injibara University was detained by the ENDF. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

Nigeria

04 April 2026: In Jos city, Plateau state, Taraba students studying in Jos were evacuated by 16 Hummer buses, supported by security escorts, ordered by the Taraba governor due to security concerns after attacks in the area. **Source:** [Nigerian Eye](#)

16 April 2026: Along Makurdi–Otukpo road, Benue state, over 12 students travelling to take university entrance exams were abducted by unidentified gunmen. One passenger and the driver managed to escape. **Source:** [TEMPO](#)

23 April 2026: In Ilorin city, Kwara state, a doctor and a nurse were assaulted by the relative of a patient at the Kwara State University Teaching Hospital. **Source:** [PUNCH](#)

As reported on 25 April 2026: In Gadau town and local government area, Bauchi state, a student was assaulted and robbed outside of Sa'adu Zungur University (SAZU). During the attack her ear and two fingers were cut off, before the four unidentified perpetrators left with her phone. **Source:** [Daily Trust](#)

25 April 2026: In Ifo town and local government area, Ogun state, an unspecified number of students were attacked and robbed at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, by around 12 unidentified gunmen. Some of the students were attacked with machetes. **Source:** [Punch](#)

Niger

01–02 April 2026: In Ouallam commune, Tillabéri region, three multi-grade classrooms at Bardouga Secondary School were burned down overnight by an unidentified perpetrator, along with educational materials including whiteboards, blackboards and books. 300 students were affected, including 20 girls due to sit exams in two months. **Source:** [OCHA West and Central Africa](#)

06 April 2026: In Bagaroua village, Illela department, Tahoua region, a teacher who worked in Ratta school was killed by armed men around 1500hrs. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22 April 2026: In Dogon-Tabki town, Dan Katsari commune, Dosso region, the village school was ordered to close by an unidentified armed group following an incursion into the town. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Sudan

09 April 2026: In Al-Salama neighbourhood, Kutum town, North Darfur state, the vicinity of Al-Um Girls' School was hit by an RSF drone, killing 12 people, including six children, among them three female secondary school students. Sixteen others were injured, including women and children, and are receiving treatment. **Sources:** [Asharq Al Awsat](#), [Atalayar](#), [Daily Sabah](#), [Drop Site](#), [Modern Ghana](#), [Myjoy Online](#), [New Age](#) and [The Defence Post](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

08 April 2026: In Kabul city, district and province, students from the Uzbek Language and Literature Department at Kabul University were threatened, humiliated, and expelled by the Taliban's Minister of Higher Education for wearing red Uzbek hats. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

15 April 2026: In Herat city and province, at least 20 students from Herat University were arrested by Taliban Vice and Virtue forces under the pretext of not wearing a cap and having short beards. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

15 April 2026: In Dangam village and district, Kunar province, the Dangam Central High School was destroyed after the Pakistani military fired dozens of shells into the area. **Sources:** [Humanitarian Snapshot](#), [OCHA](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

27 April 2026: In Asadabad city, Kunar province, Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan University was reportedly hit by Pakistani airstrikes using missiles and mortars, injuring around 30 students and teachers and causing extensive damage. Pakistan officials dismissed Afghan reports and official statements as a 'blatant lie'. **Sources:** [News Today](#) and [The Guardian](#)

Myanmar

03 April 2026: In Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a school was damaged as the result of the attack by the junta forces. **Sources:** [DVB TV News](#), [Federal FM](#) and [Mandalay Free Press](#)

09 April 2026: In Kawkareik town, township and district, Kayin state, Houses, school, and monasteries were destroyed as a result of the military regime's aerial bombardment. **Source:** [Karen News](#)

12 April 2026: In Hsin Maung village, Yin Marpin township and district, Sagaing division, a school was damaged after the Myanmar military dropped bombs from gyrocopters. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

12 April 2026: In North Lukan village, Pakokku township, Magway region, the North Lukan Village Basic Education High School was burned down by the Myanmar military during a raid on the village. **Source:** [Khit Thit News](#)

13 April 2026: In Hlaingbwe town and township, Hpa-an district, Kayin state, a primary school was damaged by junta forces. **Sources:** [DVB TV News](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

15-16 April 2026: In Khe Pa village, Luthaw Township, Phapun District, Karen State, the village's secondary school was destroyed after two Myanmar military fighter jets and two Y-12 aircrafts dropped more than 50 bombs. **Source:** [Khit Thit News](#)

28 April 2026: In Nan Mar station town, Mohnyin township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a station hospital (primary-level, public), a public high school, and a monastery were occupied by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

Pakistan

21 April 2026: In Quetta city, Balochistan province, a female student was abducted from the Bolan Medical College female hostel by Pakistani security and taken to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [Prokerala](#)

Europe

Ukraine

01 April 2026: In Belozersk rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, an educational facility and two private homes were damaged when Russian forces shelled the village with artillery. **Source:** [City of the Sun](#) and [UA Varta](#)

02 April 2026: In Bohodukhiv city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, an educational facility, an agricultural enterprise, and transport were damaged during an attack on the area by the Russian forces using KABs, Geran-2, Lancet, Molniya drones, as well as FPV drones and unidentified UAVs. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

02 April 2026: In Lozova city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, a preschool was damaged during an attack on the area by the Russian forces using KABs, Geran-2, Lancet, Molniya drones, as well as FPV drones and unidentified UAVs. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

04 April 2026: In Shevchenkivskyi district, Kharkiv city, urban hromada, raion, and oblast, the medical centre building of the Kharkiv National Medical University was damaged when a Russian Geran-2-type drone struck a tree near residential buildings. **Sources:** [Euromaiden Press](#) and [UA Varta](#)

06 April 2026: In an undisclosed location, health and education facilities were damaged after attacks. 42 people were killed, including a child and nearly 200 others injured. **Source:** [UN News](#)

07 April 2026: In Stepanivka village, Kherson urban hromada, raion and oblast, a school was destroyed when Russian forces dropped three bombs on the village. The school had previously been used as a humanitarian hub. **Sources:** [Bukvy](#), [Censor](#), [FREEDOM](#), [Kherson City Council](#), [UP Kherson](#), [Kherson Regional Military Administration](#), [Kyiv Post](#), [UAVoyage](#), [Ukrainska Pravda](#), [Ukrainian South](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UN News](#), [Vgoru I](#) and [Vgoru II](#)

08 April 2026: In Vasylykivska community, Sinelnykove raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, the Vasylykiv Vocational School was damaged during an artillery and drone attack by Russian forces, injuring and hospitalising two employees. **Sources:** [Apostrophe](#), [Dnipro Evening](#), [Dnipro Info](#), [Dnipro Media](#), [Sobitie](#), [TV Channel D1](#), [Ukrainian Truth](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [Vidomo Media](#)

10 April 2026: In Sumy city, raion and oblast, a building of an educational facility was damaged when Russian forces conducted a combination of air, drone, MLRS, and artillery strikes in the area. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

21 April 2026: In Novomykolaivka rural settlement, Zaporizhzhia raion and oblast, a dormitory, a grocery store, the House of Culture and the Novomykolaiv Village Council building were damaged by Russian shelling. **Sources:** [Fakty](#), [Novosti-N](#), [NV](#) and [Zaporizhia Region](#)

21 April 2026: In Sumy city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, an unspecified number of educational facilities, including a dormitory and the Sumy State University sports arena were damaged during an overnight Russian drone attack. **Sources:** [Debaty Sumy](#), [Kordon Media](#), [Sumy Post](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iran

03 April 2026: In Velenjak district, Tehran city, county and province, the medical research institute and laboratory building of the Shahid Beheshti University was destroyed, and a student dormitory on campus was damaged by US-Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Crisis Watch](#), [EFE](#), [Masrawy](#), [Press TV](#) and [Xinhua Net](#)

06 April 2026: In Tehran city, county and governorate, a building at Sharif University of Technology was hit and damaged by a US and Israeli strike using a bunker-buster. The university's president described widespread damage to campus buildings, with surrounding streets filled with rubble and debris. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Al Araby](#), [Anadolu Ajansi](#), [The Hindu Business Line](#), [Common Dreams](#), [Khaama Press](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [New Age](#), [The Indian Express](#), [The New Arab](#) and [The Times of India](#)

Lebanon

02 April 2026: In South governorate, an Israeli Merkava tank near Qantara School was hit and destroyed by a guided missile fired by Hezbollah. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

08 April 2026: In Hay al-Sellom neighbourhood, Beirut city and governorate, an Arabic teacher at the National Lycee, and her two children - one in elementary school and one in kindergarten - were killed by an Israeli airstrike after they had returned home from school. **Source:** [L'Orient Today](#)

11 April 2026: In Bint Jbeil municipality and district, Nabatieh governorate, an Israeli Merkava tank in the vicinity of Al-Ishraq School was hit by a guided missile fired by Hezbollah forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

13 April 2026: In Bint Jbeil municipality and district, Nabatieh governorate, Israeli forces vehicles and soldiers gathering in the vicinity of Al-Ishraq School were hit by rockets fired by Hezbollah. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 16 April 2026: In Marwahin municipality, Tyre district, South governorate, a school was destroyed by Israeli forces in a controlled explosion. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

16 April 2026: In Bint Jbeil municipality and district, Nabatieh governorate, a gathering of Israeli vehicles and soldiers in the vicinity of Al-Ishraq School was hit by Hezbollah forces using a rocket salvo. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 April 2026: In Al-Khiyam town and municipality, Marjayoun district, Nabatieh governorate, a public school was destroyed when Israeli forces rigged the building with explosives and detonated it. **Source:** [Press TV](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza

04 April 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a home near Abu Hussein Schools run by UNRWA was hit by an Israeli airstrike **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

06 April 2026: In the east of Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a school sheltering IDPs was fired at by an unidentified armed group backed by Israeli forces who shelled the area during the clashes, killing 10 people and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources:** [Al Quds](#), [Khaama Press](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#), [Wafa](#) and [Wafa I](#)

11 April 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, a UN school was demolished by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

12 April 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of UNRWA Abu Hussein School was shelled by Israeli tanks, injuring three Palestinians, including a child. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

13 April 2026: Near Salah al-Din street, east of Al Tuffah neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Al-Hashimiya School was stormed by an Israeli mechanized engineering force, which began bulldozing the land and destroying what remained of the homes in the area, amid gunfire from accompanying Merkava vehicles and artillery shelling. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

13 April 2026: In the east of Deir al-Balah city, Deir al-Balah governorate, the Agricultural Schools area was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing three Palestinians. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

16 April 2026: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Abu Tammam School was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing two siblings. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank, including East Jerusalem

06 April 2026: In Bir al-Basha village, south of Jenin city, Jenin governorate, the perimeter of the village school was surrounded by Israeli settlers. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

f09 April 2026: In Nablus city and governorate, the Schools Street was stormed by Israeli forces, who raided and searched an unspecified number of homes, tampered with their contents, and assaulted one person. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

09 April 2026: Near Taysir area, Tubas city and governorate, a 28-year-old education worker at Taysir Secondary School for Boys was shot and killed by Israeli forces. PRCS workers were detained for more than two hours, during which their mobile phones and IDs were confiscated, and prevented from reaching his body location near a settlement outpost. **Sources:** [Ma'an News Agency](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

12 April 2026: In Umm al-Khair village, Hebron governorate, Israeli forces fired teargas at Palestinian schoolchildren who were staging a sit-in after settlers blocked access to their school. Schoolchildren who were there due back in class for the first time in more than 40 days, after lessons were suspended as a result of the Israeli-US attack on Iran on 28 February. **Sources:** [New Age](#), [Reuters](#), [The Guardian](#) and [TRT World](#)

13 April 2026: In Al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, Nablus governorate, an unspecified number of students were prevented from reaching Al-Lubban Secondary School for Boys and Al-Lubban Secondary School for Girls after Israeli forces closed the eastern entrance gate to the town. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

19 April 2026: In Al-Mughayir village, Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, Al-Mughayir Boys' school was hit with tear gas fired by Israeli forces, causing an unspecified number of Palestinians to suffer from suffocation. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

19 April 2026: In Nablus city and governorate, the vicinity of Al-Kindi School intersection was raided by Israeli forces, who fired live ammunition in the area. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 April 2026: In Al Malih area, Jordan Valley, Tubas governorate, Al-Malih Mixed Basic School was destroyed by Israeli forces and settlers, along with electricity and water networks, sanitation facilities, and all room contents, including furniture and supplies. Its old building was also seized, and the Israeli flag was raised above it. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Wafa](#)

21 April 2026: In Hebron city and governorate, an unspecified number of teachers and students were prevented from entering Qurtuba School by Israeli forces, who closed the checkpoint at the entrance to Martyrs Street. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 April 2026: In Tel town, Nablus city and governorate, a student was shot and killed by Israeli forces while returning home from school. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Yemen

01 April 2026: In Washhah district, Hajjah governorate, a school was damaged by a U.S.-led airstrike overnight. **Source:** [ACF](#)

The Americas

Colombia

11 April 2026: In El Sindicato neighbourhood, Cali city, Valle del Cauca department, several staff members of the Evaristo García University Teaching Hospital were threatened by a man who entered with a machete. He also broke glass in the waiting area during the threat. No one was injured and the man was taken into custody. **Source:** [Info Bae](#)

Mexico

20 April 2026: In Vista Alegre neighborhood, Guerrero state, a woman was killed and two others were injured after being shot by an unidentified perpetrator, outside the Clinical Analysis Laboratory of the Autonomous University of Guerrero (UAGro) during a protest at around 1850hrs. **Source:** [Quadratin](#)

22 April 2026: In the Juárez city, Monterrey metropolitan area, Nuevo León state, an alleged school shooting took place at the Francisco Goitia Secondary School. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [Telediario](#)

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