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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

Cameroon

08 February 2022: In Buea city, Fako division, Southwest region, the Molyko Primary School was burnt down by a non-state armed. * **Source:** [OCHA](#)

11 February 2022: In Mamfe city, Manyu division, Southwest region, the Queen of Rosary Catholic College was burnt down by a non-state armed group. * **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

09 February 2020: In Mugogo town, Walungu territory, South Kivu province, unidentified armed men assassinated a male teacher. The following day youths rioted, protesting against growing insecurity in the area. **Source:** [Congo Leo](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [SYCAF](#)

Ethiopia

As reported on 16 February 2022: In Kobo and Chenna area, Amhara region, according to Amnesty International, Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) fighters looted and vandalised an unspecified number of schools between late August and early September 2021. They also used a school in Kobo for military purposes. * **Source:** [Amnesty International](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

23 February 2022: Near Nabinbagh area, Gopalganj Sadar upazila, Gopalganj district, Dhaka division, a female student of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University was gang raped by seven or eight people in a building of the Gopalganj District Administration School and College. The next day, hundreds of students and university personnel gathered to protest the incident. Members of the Bangladesh Chhatra League responded by beating protesters with bats, leading to clashes that caused at least 30 injuries amongst the students. **Sources:** [Dhaka Tribune](#) and [Scholars at Risk](#)

China

As reported on 16 February 2022: Update: In Korla city, Bayingolin autonomous prefecture, Xinjiang autonomous region, a Uyghur educator and former Principal of the High School Number Six



— who was detained by Chinese authorities about four years ago — is serving an 18-year prison term for inviting two Uyghur intellectuals to give presentations.* **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

Myanmar

31 January 2022: In Kanpetlet town and township, Mindat district, Chin state, a school and education office as well as a police station were occupied by approximately 300 State Administration Council (SAC) forces.* **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

01 February 2022: In Kalay town, township and district, Sagaing region, a 42-year-old female middle school teacher, also a member of Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), was shot and killed while she was driving a motorcycle by an unidentified perpetrator. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

08 February 2022: In Taung Pyin Nge village, Sagaing region, SAC forces occupied a local school and detained 68 villagers.* **Sources:** [Myanmar Now I](#) and [Myanmar Now II](#)

13 February 2022: In Pyigyitagon township, Mandalay division, People's Defence Force (PDF) fighters attacked a school occupied by SAC soldiers.* **Source:** [The Irrawaddy](#)

26 February 2022: In Chinpon village, Yinmabin township and district, Sagaing division, SAC forces launched a raid on a PDF training graduation ceremony leaving nine civilians dead, including one woman. Approximately 200 civilians, including teachers, were held hostage for two days. **Sources:** [The Irrawaddy](#)

Europe

Turkey

21 February 2022: In Istanbul city and province, Marmara region, officials of the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education closed the Hira Uyghu Elementary School at the request of Chinese Government officials who were concerned that students were receiving anti-Chinese teaching. More than 300 students were not allowed to enter. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

Ukraine

Attacks on Education in Ukraine

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, as well as the 3.6 million who have left for neighbouring countries, another estimated 6.5 million people are thought to be displaced. 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.

If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please do not hesitate to get in [touch](#). As the violence has impacted teachers, students and educational buildings, a number of education organisations have released statements of concern: [Education International](#); [Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack](#) and [UNESCO](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

As reported on 01 February 2022: In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces raided the residence halls of the Arab American University.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

15 February 2022: In Abu Dis village, Jerusalem governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces fired teargas canisters at students inside and around the Al-Quds University campus, wounding dozens and forcing them to evacuate.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

21 February 2022: In Al-Lubban ash-Sharqiya village, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli settlers harassed Palestinian students after storming the area and prevented them from reaching their school. When students confronted the settlers, Israeli forces fired teargas towards them, causing suffocation injuries among students and their parents.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

22 February 2022: In Al-Khader village, Bethlehem governorate, West Bank, Israeli soldiers blocked the area surrounding a school and clashed with students during a raid of the area.* **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 09 February 2022: In Al-Hasakah city, sub-district, district and governorate, some buildings of Euphrates University located near the Ghuwayran Prison were destroyed during fights between US-led Coalition forces and the Islamic State.* **Source:** [SOHR](#)

13 February 2022: In Raqqa city and governorate, Syrian Democratic Forces raided the Alkawakbi Institution and arrested three teachers who had allegedly called on students to protest against the poor living conditions in areas under SDF control and against the SDF's detention practices. The teachers were taken to an undisclosed location.* **Source:** [SNHR](#)

The Americas

Haiti

29 January 2022: In Tabarre commune, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, a professor was kidnapped by a group of armed men. **Source:** [Haiti Standard](#)

United States of America

31 January 2022: In Washington DC and the states of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and Mississippi, more than a dozen Historically Black Colleges and Universities — including the Coppin State University, Maryland; the Jackson State University, Jackson; the Mississippi Valley State University, Bena; the Morgan State University, Baltimore; the Alcorn University, Lorman; the Tougaloo College, Tougaloo; the Kentucky State University, Frankfort; the Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley; the Xavier University, New Orleans; the University of the District of Columbia, Washington; the Spelman College, Atlanta; and the Edward Waters University, Jacksonville — received a series of bomb threats, leading to a range of precautionary responses, including campus-wide lockdowns, cancellation of classes, and classes moving online. **Source:** [Scholars at Risk](#)

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 March 2022.

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