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The <u>Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack</u> (GCPEA) provided technical guidance on definitions of attacks on education. More on definitions used by <u>Insecurity Insight</u> and by <u>GCPEA</u>. * = GCPEA incident.

Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting the provision of education.

Africa

Cameroon

17 June 2022: In Kumbo city, Northwest region, suspected Ambazonia separatist kidnapped a male and a female teacher. Another female was kidnapped along the Wainama Sop axis on an unspecified date. **Source:** Cameroon News Agency

Democratic Republic of the Congo

10 June 2022: In Kabaya locality, Kisigari grouping, Bwisha chieftaincy, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, artillery shells allegedly fired by the Rwandan army from Rwandan territory hit the school Institut Saint Gilbert, killing two boys. The Democratic Republic of the Congo accuses Rwanda of supporting the resurgent March 23 Movement rebel military group operating in Congolese territory, calling the school's bombardment a war crime.* **Source:** Actualité

Mali

10 June 2022: In M'Piabougou village, Koulikoro region, suspected JNIM militants chased away teachers, closed down a school, and burned education material.* **Source:** ACLED¹

10 June 2022: In Thierola village, Koulikoro region, suspected JNIM militants chased away teachers, closed down a school, and burned education material.* **Source:** ACLED¹

Mozambique

02 June 2022: In Mandimba district, Niassa province, the principal of Escola Primária Completa de Hamela Primary School was detained by police on suspicion of being the leader of an armed group of thieves in the province. The school principal confessed the crime and offered to help the police locate the other members of the gang. **Source:** Club of Mozambique

Nigeria

10 June 2022: In Abakaliki city, Ebonyi state, men armed with machetes attacked and killed the Chairman of the Hospital branch of the Enugu Welfare Association and staff of the Alex Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital. The next day, his body was found near his car on Ojeowerri Street. **Source:** The Nation



23 June 2022: In Jootar town, Tukum LGA, Taraba state, two men and a woman on a motorbike shot and killed three civilians including a university lecturer at a bar. **Source:** Nigeria Punch

South Sudan

20 June 2022: In Rumbek town, Lakes state, 12 primary and secondary school teachers were arrested by members of the South Sudan People's Defence Forces as they staged a peaceful march towards the Lakes State Legislative Assembly, where they demanded salary increments, allowances and arrears. At the same time, six other teachers were detained at the Education Ministry. On 22 June, 21 more teachers, who were walking towards the parliament to find out why their colleagues had been detained, were also arrested and taken to the Panda Military Barracks for detention. The total number of teachers in detention reached 39. By 24 June, more than 20 teachers were released.* **Sources:** Eye Radio I, Eye Radio II and Radio Tamazuj

Sudan

06-11 June 2022: In Kulbus locality, West Darfur state, three schools were looted and IDPs were occupying a number of schools amid clashes.* **Sources: OCHA I and OCHA II**

Asia

Afghanistan

18 June 2022: In PD4 Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, a university professor was shot and killed by gunmen. **Source:** ACLED¹

20 June 2022: In PD6 Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, a school principal of a private school was taken out of his house and killed by armed men. One source claimed that he was killed by the Taliban forces over alleged IS links. **Source:** ACLED¹

Bangladesh

28 June 2022: At the Learning Centre 8, Camp 2 West, Kutupalong Refugee Camp, Ukhia upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a female teacher working for the local NGO Mukti was seriously wounded when a Rohingya youth attacked her with a sharp weapon. She was admitted to the Sadar Hospital for treatment. **Source:** New Age

Myanmar

- **31 May 2022:** In Laung Shay area, Saw township, Magway division, military forces arrested a teacher from the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). Her husband, a health care worker, was also arrested, and died as a result of torture during interrogation. **Source: DVB**
- **31 May 2022:** In Nat Chaung village, Kale township and district, Sagaing region, military forces burned down a private high school and more than 200 houses.* **Source:** DVB
- **31 May 2022:** In Nawnghkio township, Shan state, forces of the National Unity Government of Myanmar and the People's Defence Forces (PDF) bombed a two-storey meeting hall of the Education Office, injuring eight teachers, and a civil servant. A headmistress died of her injuries.* **Source:** The Global New Light of Myanmar
- **04 June 2022:** In Hong Pa village, Hpakant township, Kachin state, four bombs of unidentified origin exploded inside a high school campus.* **Source: DVB**
- **05 June 2022:** Along Monywa-Ayadaw Road, Monywa township, Sagaing division, the Headmistress of the Si Thar Village Secondary School was shot dead by a motorcyclist as she was driving a motorcycle on her way to school. The State Administration Council (SAC) claimed that the perpetrator belonged to the PDF.* **Source: DVB**

- **06 June 2022:** In Wetlet township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, the Principal of a middle school and her younger sister were killed inside her home. Military officials blamed a local militia for their deaths. **Source:** Radio Free Asia
- **14 June 2022:** In Yesagyo township, Magway region, military forces killed and burned the bodies of three CDM members, including a 27-year-old nurse, a 54-year-old headmaster, and a pregnant 28-year-old teacher, amid raids across villages. **Source:** Myanmar Now
- **15 June 2022:** In San Myo ward, Kalay town, township and district, Sagaing region, a hand grenade was thrown at the Nr. 8 Basic Education High School on Myo Pat Road.* **Source:** DVB
- **15 June 2022:** In Mogok city, Pyin OoLwin district, Mandalay region, a bomb detonated at the Kyat Pyin Market and the Upper 1 High School. Another unnamed school was also hit.* **Source:** DVB
- **16 June 2022:** In rural Maungdaw township, Rakhine state, suspected members of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army abducted the ethnic Rakhine Headmaster of the Thinbaw Hla Village Primary School and his female assistant teacher at the intersection of Taungpyo Road while they were driving a motorcycle towards the Maungdaw Township Education Office. The abductors demanded a ransom of BDT5 million for their release. On 23 June, the victims were released, after a negotiated payment of BDT3 million. **Sources: DVB I, DVB II, DVB IV and DVB V**
- **17 June 2022:** In Kutkai town and township, Mu Se district, Shan state, two artillery shells hit the Zup Aung IDP Camp. Three women, including a 56-year-old teacher, were killed. Another person was injured. Many were forced to flee. **Source:** DVB
- **19 June 2022:** In Yebyu township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, a bomb of unidentified origin exploded inside the Township Education Office, causing damage.* **Source:** DVB
- **21 June 2022:** In Gangaw town, township and district, Magway region, three mines exploded in front of the Nr. 2 Ward Basic Education Middle School (Upper-Branch). The Gangaw Revolutionary Forces claim that the bombs were planted to intimidate military personnel inside the campus, and not intended to harm teachers and students.* **Source:** DVB
- **24 June 2022:** In Loi Lin Lay town, near Loikaw town, Kayah state, police inspected the reopening of schools under the direction of the SAC, during which they arrested six teachers for questioning.* **Source: DVB**

Europe

Ukraine

- **31 May 2022:** In Yarova village, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a nursery was hit by Russian forces during an attack on the village.* **Sources:** Facebook and Ukrinform
- **31 May 2022:** In Hirske city, Severodonetsk raion, Luhansk oblast, an arts school was hit by Russian forces during an attack on the settlement.* **Sources:** Facebook and Ukrinform
- **08 June 2022:** In Bakhmut city and raion, Donetsk oblast, Russian shelling destroyed a school.* **Source:** RFE-RL
- **12 June 2022:** In Apostolove city, Kryvyi Rih raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, Russian forces opened fire on civilian buildings including two kindergartens, causing damage.* **Sources:** Apostrophe I and Apostrophe II
- **17 June 2022:** In Lysychansk city, Sievierodonetsk raion, Luhansk oblast, Russian shelling destroyed a school and two homes.* **Source:** <u>Ukrinform</u>

- **19 June 2022:** In Lubotyn city, Kharkiv raion and oblast, a Russian missile strike destroyed a school housing a humanitarian aid centre.* **Sources:** Flash
- **23 June 2022:** In Mykolaiv oblast, Russian missiles hit a children's sports school, a hospital and stadiums.* **Source: 24 Channel**
- **25 June 2022:** In Maiaky village, Odesa raion and oblast, a school was destroyed by Russian shelling.* **Source:** <u>Ukrinform</u>
- **25 June 2022:** In Krasnopillia settlement and raion, Sumy oblast, six missiles fired by two Russian helicopters damaged a school, a library, a hospital, and a cultural centre.* **Sources:** Ostrov and Suspline
- **26 June 2022:** In Kyiv, a Russian missile hit and damaged a nine-storey building and a nearby kindergarten.* **Source:** The Kyiv Independent
- **26 June 2022:** In Toretsk city and raion, Donetsk oblast, Russian shelling struck a school, damaging its roof and breaking the windows.* **Source:** <u>Ukrinform</u>
- **26 June 2022:** In Shevchenkovskiy district, Kyiv, Russian rockets destroyed the water main of a kindergarten.* **Sources: Apostrophe and Kyiv City Council**
- **26 June 2022:** In Zaporizhzhya oblast, heavy enemy artillery damaged several civilian buildings including a school, high-rise apartments and private houses, a bread factory, and a bakery.* **Source:** Ukrinform
- **27 June 2022:** In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, Russian shelling hit a primary school and apartment buildings, killing five people and wounding 22 others, including children.* **Source:** Independent
- **27 June 2022:** In Shevchenkiv district, Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a rocket fired by Russian forces hit a school yard.* **Source:** Kharkiv Today
- **28 June 2022:** In Pechenegy village and raion, Kharkiv oblast, Russian shelling hit the playground of Kindergarten No. 1.* **Sources: Kharkiv Today and Status Quo**

Middle East and North Africa

Iraa

- **19 June 2022:** In Al-Hasawiya village, Diyala governorate, a university professor at Muqdadiya College was stabbed and injured by unknown armed persons. **Source:** <u>ACLED</u>¹
- **28 June 2022:** In Erbil city and governorate, a former law student entered the Faculty of Law of the Salahaddin University, where he shot the Dean, who succumbed to his wounds. Subsequently, the perpetrator raided the house of another lecturer from the Faculty of Engineering, and killed him too. Another university employee was also wounded in the attack. **Source:** The New Arab

Jordan

23 June 2022: In Amman, a second-year female nursing student was shot multiple times by an unidentified perpetrator as she left an exam at the Applied Sciences Private University. She was rushed to hospital, but died shortly after arrival. **Source:** The New Arab

27 June 2022: In Dhamar city and governorate, Houthi forces took over the Arts Faculty building at Dhamar University after they forcibly expelled all the administrators and academics at gunpoint.* **Source:** ACLED¹

The Americas

Colombia

07 June 2022: In El Charco municipality, Narino department, armed individuals opened fire on a group of teachers who had gathered in a park following a peaceful protest. The attack happened after the protest ended. Five people were injured. **Source:** El Espectador, ACLED¹

19 June 2022: In a rural area of Abrego municipality, Norte de Santander department, armed individuals kidnapped a female teacher near Santa Rita vereda. The victim was in the area to participate in the presidential elections when the armed men intercepted her and took her away. The victim was released during a military operation around June 29. **Source:** ACLED¹

14 June 2022: In a rural area of Convencion municipality, Norte de Santander department, armed individuals kidnapped a teacher from a rural school. The armed men broke into the school and took the victim while she was lecturing in class. The victim was released 36 hours later on a rural road.* **Source:** El Espectador, ACLED¹

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