

Education in Danger News Brief

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Damage and destruction to educational facilities in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria

In Gaza, 188 attacks on education were recorded between the 10 October 2025 ceasefire and 30 September 2026. Educational facilities, including schools and universities, many of which shelter internally displaced persons (IDPs), were reportedly damaged or destroyed on 33 occasions by Israeli forces. In nearly three-quarters of these incidents, people were killed or injured inside the schools. In one such incident, at least six Palestinians, including children and a baby, were killed when Israeli forces shelled the school where they were sheltering with artillery fire. Nearly 80% of reported damage was attributed to Israeli aircraft and drone strikes, artillery fire, shelling and gunfire. Six schools were demolished by Israeli forces, either through controlled explosions or with bulldozers.

In Lebanon, 41 attacks on education were recorded between March and September 2026. Educational facilities, including kindergartens, schools and universities in southern Lebanon were reportedly damaged or destroyed on 30 occasions by Israeli forces. Two-thirds of incidents recorded the complete destruction of a school with 20 schools demolished either through controlled explosions or with bulldozers. Damage to schools was mainly caused by Israeli aircraft and drone strikes. In two incidents, people were killed or injured inside a school that was attacked and damaged. In one such incident, a university professor and a faculty director were killed when a university was hit by a precision missile from an Israeli drone, while they were walking in the courtyard.

In Syria, 40 attacks on education were recorded between the fall of the previous government in December 2024 and September 2026. Educational facilities, including schools and universities were reportedly damaged on 15 occasions. Turkish forces' airstrikes damaged three schools in Aleppo and Raqqa. Israeli forces damaged or destroyed three schools in southern Quneitra governorate. In a separate incident, armoured vehicles, accompanied by infantry were used to destroy a school. Syrian police deliberately set a school on fire during a raid on a town in Latakia governorate. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) damaged three schools in Al-Hasaka and Aleppo: one in a drone strike, one in an artillery strike, and a third when, after converting it into a military position, the SDF destroyed its fence to allow tanks and heavy vehicles onto the premises. In other incidents, the conflict party was not identified.

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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

As reported on 01 October 2026: In Mwenye groupment, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, at least five schools remained closed nearly a month after the start of the 2026–2027 school year due to population displacement and persistent insecurity linked to the activities of Ugandan ADF rebels. The closures affected villages including Mause, Lumba and Sijambale, with many teachers and students absent and the resumption of classes remaining uncertain. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

03-06 October 2026: In Ilebo port city, Kasai province, schools were closed for four days during violent clashes between two groups of youths, including the “Pool ya Zara” gang over a family land dispute. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

07 October 2026: In Masisi territory, North Kivu province, and Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, educational activities were severely disrupted by ongoing clashes between the Wazalendo, allied with the FARDC, and AFC/M23 rebels, as well as the use of combat drones in the region. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Sudan

07 October 2026: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, an Arabic teacher was killed and an unspecified number of students from Afaq Al-Mustaqbal Secondary School were injured when a RSF combat vehicle struck them at high speed as they crossed the street. **Source:** [Darfur24](#)

07 October 2026: In Damazin city, Blue Nile state, Damazin Technical College was struck by two RSF drone strikes, damaging classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices and other educational facilities. **Sources:** [Asharq Al-Awsat](#) and [Sudanese Echo](#)

Asia

Myanmar

03 October 2026: In Pyin Chaung village, Sittwe district, Rakhine state, Basic Education High School No. 2. was struck when a Myanmar military aircraft dropped a bomb on the facility, injuring at least four people, including a child. **Sources:** [Development Media Group](#) and [The Irrawaddy](#)

03 October 2026: In Chaungshay village, Kanbalu township, Shwebo district, Sagaing division, a school and a monastery were hit by two Myanmar military jet fighter aircrafts. **Sources:** [MFP TV](#) and [Myaelatt Athan](#)

Europe

Ukraine

01 October 2026: In Solomianskyi district, Kyiv city, a school building was hit by a Russian jet-drone, causing the school to catch fire. School children were in a shelter at the time of the incident. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Kaptko Pro](#)

04 October 2026: In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, an educational institution and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian drone and missile strikes. **Source:** [Media Port](#)

08 October 2026: In Svyatopetryvske village, Bucha raion, Kyiv oblast, a nursery school and a children's playground were damaged by Russian strikes. **Sources:** [Kyiv Oblast Governor](#), [The Kyiv Independent](#) and [UA Varta](#)

13 October 2026: In Rivne city, raion and oblast, an educational institution was hit by a Russian strike, injuring at least 25 people. **Source:** [Euro News](#), [Interfax](#) and [UA Varta](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iran

02 October 2026: Update: In Ilam province, a professor who was arrested and beaten by security forces on 04 January was sentenced to five years in prison and additional penalties, including a travel ban preventing him from leaving Iran and a ban on entering Malekshahi. The professor sustained fractures to his hand and nose after being beaten by Iranian security forces during his arrest. **Source:** [Hengaw Organisation for Human Rights](#)

Lebanon

03 October 2026: In Houla municipality, Marjayoun district, Nabatieh governorate, Jabal Amel Preparatory School was destroyed by Israeli forces using booby-trap explosives. **Source:** [Nile News](#)

10 October 2026: In Khiyam municipality, Nabatieh governorate, Al-Mabarrat School was set on fire by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

14 October 2026: In Kfar Tebnit municipality, Nabatieh district and governorate, Al-Kawthar School was set on fire by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Occupied Palestinian territory

Gaza

03 October 2026: In the Rimal neighbourhood, west of Gaza city, Gaza governorate, an academic at the University of Palestine was killed along with four other Palestinians, including three women, when Israeli forces shelled a building. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

09 October 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Abu Hussein School, sheltering IDPs, was fired upon by Israeli forces, injuring a child. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank

04 October 2026: In Arraba town, southwest of Jenin city and governorate, a teacher was arrested by Israeli forces during a raid on the town. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

05 October 2026: In Birzeit town, north of Ramallah city and governorate, Birzeit University was stormed by Israeli forces with about 10 military vehicles and a bulldozer. The Martyrs' Monument inside the campus was destroyed, while the Faculty of Science was damaged and the Physics and Biology laboratories and the offices of the student movement were vandalised. University security personnel were also detained by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [Negotiation Affairs Department](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

08 October 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, Al-Zaytouna University for Science and Technology was stormed by Israeli forces, who examined its surveillance camera recordings. **Sources:** [Negotiation Affairs Department](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

Saudi Arabia

08 October 2026: In Riyadh city, province and governorate, a kindergarten was damaged by falling missile fragments following the interception of a Houthi ballistic missile. **Sources:** [BBC](#) and [Sene Web](#)

Yemen

02 October 2026: In Taiz governorate, a community college was hit by a Saudi airstrike. **Sources:** [26 September](#) and [Yemen News Portal](#)

10 October 2026: In Al-Ruwais village, Al-Mudhaffar district, Lahij governorate, Al-Ahmad Bin Hanbal School was destroyed by Houthi shelling involving two ballistic missiles. **Source:** [South 24](#)

12 October 2026: In Al-Qahf area, Jabal Habashi district, Taiz governorate, Al-Zahra School for Girls was bombed by a Saudi fighter jet during official working hours, killing five people and injuring 15 others, including students, teachers and health workers. **Sources:** [Al Manar](#) and [Yemen News Agency](#)

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