Africa

Burkina Faso
04 January 2019: In Petanaye town, Nord region, unidentified perpetrators assumed to be militants from the JNIM terrorist group set fire to a school, resulting in moderate damage to the building. Source: ACLED

09 January 2019: In Kiembara department, Sourou province, threatening posters of unknown origin forced the closure schools, including the Kiembara County High School and the College of General Education – as a measure of precaution. Source: aOuaga

Cameroon
30 January 2019 (DOA): In Bamboutos department, West province, suspected Ambazonian fighters kidnapped the headmaster of the Bamenyam High School in what appears to be a continuous effort by the perpetrators to reduce school attendance in the region. Source: Journal du Cameroun

Central African Republic
19 January 2019: In Bambari town, Ouaka prefecture, UPC militiamen killed an employee of the NGO ACTED and a teacher. No further details specified. Source: ACLED

Democratic Republic of Congo
27 January 2019: In Lubumbashi city, Haut-Katanga province, students of the University of Lubumbashi protested over electricity and gas shutoffs on their campus, resulting in a violent crackdown by police which left three students dead after police opened fire on them with live ammunition. Sources: Benin WebTV News and La Libre Afrique

Guinea
07 January 2018: In Conakry, teachers led by the Free Union of Teachers and Researchers of Guinea held a demonstration in the area of Bonfi as they waited for the release of a memorandum of understanding brokered by the Guinean Government and their

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Law enforcement officials used teargas against striking teachers to break up the protest. **Source:** Guinee News

**21 January 2019:** In Mamou city, prefecture and region, students of the Cabral High School held a protest against the cancellation of classes, and subsequently disrupted classes at the Doukouré High School and other unnamed high schools. Police fired teargas to disperse them, causing minor injuries and unspecified material damage. **Source:** Africa Guinee

**13 January 2019:** In Khartoum, as protests continued, police fired tear gas into an unspecified school, injuring an unspecified number of students. Later in the week, three students were killed during the protests – however the date and location of this event is unknown. **Source:** ACLED

**Asia**

**Afghanistan**

**21 or 22 January 2019:** In Farah, Taliban militants burned down a school for girls and warned parents not to send children to school, depriving an estimated 1,000 pupils of education. **Source:** Bakhtar News

**Bangladesh**

**23 January 2019 (DOA):** In Mymensingh city, district and division, a police constable assaulted a lecturer of the English Department of the Syed Nazrul Islam College over an alleged traffic collision at Town Hall intersection. Students of the same college subsequently protested the incident, vandalised the windowpanes of the police station, and pelted brickbats towards police officers. Later, police fired four rounds of bullets towards the students and arrested three of them. **Source:** New Age Bangladesh

**Thailand**

**08 January 2019:** In Yarang district, Pattani province, ethnic Malay Muslim insurgents detonated a bomb outside the Thairath Wittaya School 52, severely wounding a student and a soldier assigned to guard the school. **Source:** Human Rights Watch

**Europe**

**Greece**

**11 January 2019:** In Athens, about 1,500 public school teachers held a protest outside the Greek Parliament over a new law regulating the appointment of permanent teaching staff. Riot police fired tear gas when protesters attempted to force their way past a barrier outside parliament. **Sources:** Ekathimerini and WFTV

**Middle-East and North Africa**

**Libya**

**18 December 2018:** In Sabha city and district, Fezzan region, unidentified perpetrators kidnapped a student of the Nahdet al-Ghad Elementary School whilst he was on the way to school. His abduction prompted fellow students and school staff to hold a protest in solidarity. **Source:** Fezzan Libya

**30 December 2018:** In Benghazi city and district, Cyrenaica region, unidentified perpetrators in a four-wheel drive car verbally attacked and abducted a student on the campus of Benghazi University before driving him away to an unknown destination. **Source:** Libya Observer
**Occupied Palestinian Territories**

02 January 2019: In Tuqu town, West Bank, Israeli soldiers raided a school, firing rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades and leaving multiple students with asphyxiation symptoms. **Source:** ACLED

03 January 2019: In Tell town, West Bank, Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian children with live ammunition and tear gas as the children were leaving their school. No reason was given for the attack. **Source:** ACLED

**Tunisia**

03 January 2019: In Kairouan city and governorate, teachers held a sit-in at the headquarters of the Regional Commissariat for Education and unspecified authorities responded by using tear gas against them. **Source:** Alchourouk

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**Arrests, detentions and imprisoned**

The section aligns with the definition of attacks on education used by the Global Coalition to Protect Education under Attack (GCPEA) in **Education under Attack 2018**.

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**Africa**

**Sudan**

06 January 2019: In Khartoum, Sudanese security forces entered Khartoum University and forcibly detained dozens of university professors and faculty members by locking them in a campus building. In addition, they took several faculty members into custody for unspecified reasons. The security forces were attempting to prevent the staff from joining the ongoing protests demanding that President Bashir step down. **Sources:** al Jazeera and Arab News

**Europe**

**Turkey**

08 January 2019: The Istanbul 37th Heavy Penal Court continued to charge university professors with terrorism offences for signing the ‘Academics for Peace’ petition which urges the Turkish military to end hostilities with the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, sentencing an undisclosed associate professor to one year and three months imprisonment. **Source:** bianet

09 January 2019: The Istanbul 37th Heavy Penal Court sentenced a further ten academics to one year and three months imprisonment for signing the ‘Academics for Peace’ petition. **Source:** bianet

16 January 2019: The Istanbul 25th Heavy Penal Court sentenced another academic to imprisonment for endorsing the ‘Academics for Peace’ petition. The academic, a professor from Bilgi University in Istanbul, was sentenced to two years and one-month imprisonment. **Source:** bianet

16 January 2019: The Istanbul 36th Heavy Penal Court sentenced an additional four academics to a deferred sentence of one year and three months imprisonment for their endorsement of the ‘Academics for Peace’ petition. **Source:** bianet

17 January 2019: The Istanbul 36th Heavy Penal Court sentenced a further two academics to a deferred sentence of one year and three months imprisonment as part of the continued assault on those speaking out against the government’s hostilities with the Kurdistan Workers’ Party. **Source:** bianet

24 January 2019: An additional academic was sentenced to three years imprisonment for his
association with the ‘Academics for Peace’ petition. The academic, an Istanbul University lecturer, was not given a deferred sentence but told by the court that due to his ‘negative attitude’ in court, he had his sentence increased from two to three years to be served in full. Source: bianet

Middle-East and North Africa

Yemen
03 January 2018: In an unspecified location, Houthi militias arrested 24 education staff upon their return from collecting their salaries in the city of Aden, intending to extort them. Source: Aden al-Ghad

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These events go beyond the definition used by the GCPEA to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of education including events perpetrated by students, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by students.

Africa

Burkina Faso
22 January 2019: In Bobo-Dioulasso city, Houet province, Hauts-Bassins region, parents of students assaulted a teacher of the Farakan A Public Primary School for failing to bring their son home after he was physically injured at school. They subsequently beat another teacher who had heard the commotion and ran to the classroom to see what was happening. This incident prompted the school to shut down until necessary action is taken. A nearby school will reportedly follow suit. Source: Le Faso

Senegal
10 January 2019: In Kaolack town, department and region, unidentified thugs murdered the security guard of the Middle School Mboutou Sow, before ransacking the facility and stealing a safe containing about CFA 500,000 (approximately EUR 760). Source: Kewoulo

Sudan
24 January 2019: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, state security forces shot dead a protesting student under unspecified circumstances. Source: Dabanga Sudan

Asia

Indonesia
08 January 2019: In Bogor regency, West Java province, an unidentified assailant stabbed and killed a fashion design student of the Baranangsiang Vocational School as she was walking along an alley toward her boarding house. Source: The Jakarta Post

Pakistan
16 January 2019: In Chamrangaan city, Punjab state, locals and family members of a child who had allegedly been killed by one of his teachers placed his body on the road outside the school to demand a response from the teacher. Source: ACLED
Europe

Russia
28 January 2019: Multiple bomb threats have prompted the evacuation of thousands of people from administrative buildings, hospitals, and schools across Siberia, local media reports say. Source: Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

Turkey
02 January 2019: In Ankara city, a research assistant at Çankaya University was killed by a student after she had reported the student to the university board for cheating on an exam. Source: Hurriyet Daily News and BBC News

Middle-East and North Africa
Libya
16 January 2019: In Tripoli, the death of a student amid clashes in the capital prompted students of the University of Tripoli to hold a protest and call for the end of the conflict. Source: 218 TV

Occupied Palestinian Territories
20 January 2019 (DOA): In east Jerusalem, the Israeli National Security Council announced its plan to revoke permits for seven UNRWA schools, which currently serve a total of 3,000 students, to operate starting next academic year. The schools are expected to be replaced by ones run by the Jerusalem municipality, and supported by the Israeli Government. Source: Al Jazeera

Syrian Arab Republic
23 January 2019: In Maarat al-Numaan city and district, Idlib governorate, the Sham Liberation Army suspended the exams of about a thousand students of the International Rescue University, claiming that the university is ‘unlicensed’. Source: Smart News Agency

09 January 2019: In Gafsa city, Gafsa Sud region, after classes were suspended in multiple colleges and high schools, students marched through the city to call for an end to the dispute between the Ministry of Education and the General Federation of Secondary Education. Source: ACLED

Yemen
01 January 2019: In As Sayani and other unspecified districts, Ibb governorate, Houthi militias expelled hundreds of school students from examination halls for failing to pay fees to them. Source: Aden al-Ghad

08 January 2019: In Aden city and governorate, several teachers held a protest in front of the building of the Ministry of Education to demand the payment of arrears. They also called for the continuation of the strike on 09 January 2019. Source: Aden al-Ghad

The Americas
Brazil
21 January 2019 (DOA): In Almofala district, Itarema municipality, Ceará state, Northeast region, unidentified perpetrators set fire to the Jose Maria Monteiro Liceu School, as drug gangs continued to launch attacks across Ceará in retaliation for a proposal to end the practice of separating gang factions inside prisons. Sources: Brasil Online and Diario de Pernambuco

21 January 2019 (DOA): In Saquim area, Itarema municipality, Ceará state, Northeast region, unidentified
perpetrators set fire to the Gerald Bonifácio Rodrigues Municipal School of Education. Sources: Brasil Online and Diario de Pernambuco

21 January 2019: In Caucaia municipality, Ceará state, Northeast region, unidentified perpetrators set fire to an unnamed childcare centre. The fire struck a classroom and destroyed furniture and teaching material. Source: Diario de Pernambuco

22 January 2019: In Quixadá municipality, Ceará state, Northeast region, six unidentified perpetrators invaded an unnamed school and set fire to two classrooms and a canteen. Source: Diario de Pernambuco

Colombia
23 January 2019: In Medellin city, Antioquia department, Aburrá Valley region, unidentified perpetrators put up threatening posters against the academic community of the University of Antioquia in places adjacent to the same institution for unknown reasons. Source: El Tiempo

Guyana
21 – 28 January 2019: In Georgetown, an unidentified perpetrator suspected to be an expelled student of the School of the Nations shot and wounded the school principal after threatening him on social media for reasons possibly related to his expulsion the week before. Source: Kaieteur News and News Room

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