

# Human Rights Watch

## Children's Rights

<https://www.hrw.org/topic/childrens-rights/attacks-education>

## Campaign and Advocacy

Attacks on education occur around the world, both inside and outside of situations of armed conflict. In many regions, armed groups intentionally target schools, teachers, and students. These attacks violate the rights of the child: in addition to putting children at risk of injury or death, they can thwart students' chance to get an education. Attacks on schools, teachers, and students can cause children to drop out or go to school less often, force schools to cut their hours, and destroy school buildings and materials. In environments of violence and fear, the quality of children's education is severely diminished. Human Rights Watch defines "attacks on education" as encompassing the full range of violations that place children at risk and deny them access to education. This includes attacks on school infrastructure and on teachers and students; the occupation of schools by the police and military; harassment and threats against teachers, parents, and students; and the recruitment of children from schools to become soldiers. Human Rights Watch calls on states to endorse the [Safe Schools Declaration](#), an international commitment to protect schools and universities from being attacked or used for military purposes in times of armed conflict.

October 19, 2022

October 3, 2022

July 8, 2022

Prosecute, Sanction Fighters for Crimes Against Civilians

Lessons for donors from Afghan students, teachers, and principals

Armed Separatist Attacks on Students, Teachers, and Schools in Cameroon's Anglophone Regions

Protect Students, Teachers in Region; Endorse Safe Schools Declaration

UN Education Expert Recommends New Education Treaty

85th Pre-session

Both Countries Should Endorse Safe Schools Declaration

83rd Session

91st Session

91st Session

71st Pre-Session

91st Pre-session

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More than 5,000 Attacks in Past 2 Years

Oct 26, 2022

Preventing Intimidation in US Elections; Landmark Declaration on Explosive Weapons; Dam Trouble in Kyrgyzstan; Take Note; Listen: Qatar's Abuses of LGBT People; Watch: Speaking on Xinjiang at the UN; On Our Terms: Impunity.

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