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Information on bomb explosions in Nangarhar Province from 2010, particularly where schools have been affected

In January 2010 *BBC News* states:

“An explosion near a school in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar has killed at least four children and a policeman, officials say. They say that at least 40 people were injured, most of them children” (BBC News (6 January 2010) *Children killed in Afghan blast*).

A document issued in July 2010 by *Afghan Islamic Press* notes:

“Unidentified armed men destroyed four rooms in a school in Hesarak District of Nangarhar Province using explosives last night...” (Afghan Islamic Press (6 July 2010) *Unidentified armed men blow up part of school building in Afghan east*).

In September 2010 *Pajhwok Afghan News* points out that:

“A girls' school used as a polling centre for the September 18 parliamentary election was blown up after voting closed in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Sunday” (Pajhwok Afghan News (19 September 2010) *Girls' school blown up in Nangarhar*).

A report issued in December 2011 by the *Afghanistan Analysts Network* describing an attack in March 2011, notes:

“...an explosive attack in Nangarhar where an administrator was killed and two teachers and a few students injured” (Afghanistan Analysts Network (13 December 2011) *The Battle for the Schools: The Taleban and State Education*, p.12).

A report published in May 2011 by the *Iranian Mashhad radiostates*:

“Education Department officials in eastern Nangarhar Province say that a school was torched by some unidentified gunmen in a district of the province last night” (Iranian Mashhad radio (21 May 2011) *Programme summary of Iranian Mashhad radio in Dari 1330 gmt 21 May 11*).

In June 2011 *Bakhtar News Agency* notes:

“Unknown armed persons set on fire the girls' school of Hafazan village, Chaparhar district of Nangarhar province after arresting of its two guards last night. Unknown armed persons set on fire the girls' school of Hafazan village, Chaparhar district of Nangarhar province after arresting of its two guards last night” (Bakhtar News Agency (29 June 2011) *Girls' School Set On Fire In Nangarhar*).

The *Daily Outlook* in July 2012 notes:

“In a new incident of anti-education campaign by the terrorists, a girls' school was burned in the Charparhar district of Nangarhar province on Saturday morning. Reports say that it was the third girls' school in the district to have been targeted by unknown arsonists in the past two months” (Daily Outlook (10 July 2011) *Insurgents do Most Harm to Afghan Children*).

In October 2011 the *Afghan Islamic Press* states:

“Unidentified armed men torched two schools in Batikot district of Nangarhar province last night, an official said Sunday (October 16). The Nangarhar education and training department spokesman Muhammad Asif Shinwari told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) unknown people set on fire a school in Batikot district in Nangarhar province last night. In a separate incident, he said unknown miscreants set ablaze a portion of a girls' school in Chahardahi area of Batikot district” (Afghan Islamic Press (16 October 2011) *Two schools torched in Nangarhar*).

In January 2012 *Afghan Ariana TV news* notes:

“Local officials in the eastern province of Nangarhar report that one school student was wounded in a suicide attack in Behsud District of the province today...” (Afghan Ariana TV news (2 January 2012) *Programme summary of Afghan Ariana TV news in Dari 1530 gmt 2 Jan 12*).

A publication in March 2012 by *Afghan Sharq TV news* states:

“Unidentified gunmen damaged a school in Chaparhar district of Nangarhar Province” (Afghan Sharq TV news (15 March 2012) *Programme summary of Afghan Sharq TV news in Pashto 1530 gmt 15 Mar 12*).

Pajhwork Afghan News in May 2012 notes:

“Another four schools were torched in Nangarhar” (Pajhwork Afghan News (9 May 2012) *Outsiders blamed for attacks on schools*).

A report released in May 2012 by *Afghan Sharq TV news* states:

“Education directorate of Nangarhar Province says that a girls' school was set on fire by unidentified gunmen in Khogiani district” (Afghan Sharq TV news (10 May 2012) *Programme summary of Afghan Sharq TV news in Pashto 1530 gmt 08 May 12*).

In July 2012 *Radio Killid* states:

“Gunmen attack a high school in Achin District of eastern Nangarhar Province. According to district officials, more than 1,000 students were studying in the school which closed after the incident” (Radio Killid (11 July 2012) *Programme summary of Afghan Nangarhar Killid Radio news 1230 gmt 11 Jul 12*).

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