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The Commencement of the Academic Year 2025/2026

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Continuation of Israeli violations against Palestine and higher education institutions

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Ministry of Education & Higher Education

Israeli Occupation Violations Against Education in Palestine

7 October 2023 - 23 September 2025

Students	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	110	770	391	17935+	26112+	-
Universities	36	241+	421+	1301+	2791+	Unknown

Educational staff	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	5	23	198+	770	3193	Unknown
Universities	-	Unknown	17	232	1446+	Unknown



The Kaabneh Bedouin School

Attacks on Schools & Universities

West Bank

Schools	Universities
■ Raids on schools in Al-Samou/ South Hebron. ■ Demolition of two schools in the West Bank (Ameera Basic School in Yatta and Aqaba Basic School in Tubas).	■ Eight universities and colleges were subjected to repeated assaults and vandalism. ■ Raid on Palestine Polytechnic University.

Gaza Strip

Schools	Universities
■ Over (179) public schools were completely destroyed. ■ (118) public schools have been attacked and damaged. ■ More than (100) UNRWA schools have been bombed or vandalized.	■ More than (63) university buildings have been completely destroyed.

- The 2006 Tawjihi Exam in Gaza has ended and the registration for 2007 Exam is still open.
- Due to the attacks on the Gaza Strip, thirty schools, along with their students and teachers, were removed from the educational register.
- Israeli occupation forces stormed Birzeit University.

A New Academic Year: The Deanship of Student Affairs Reaffirms Its Mission of Serving and Supporting Students



Dr. Ihab Khalaileh
Dean of Student Affairs

At the commencement of a new academic year, aspirations are renewed, determination is strengthened, and hopes are elevated toward a future enriched with knowledge and learning. For students, this marks a renewed opportunity to advance personal development, cultivate skills, and achieve academic and professional goals. Within this context, the Deanship of Student Affairs reaffirms its role as a pivotal entity that fosters creativity, provides comprehensive support, and serves as a fundamental pillar in students' academic journey. Acting as an effective conduit between the University administration and its student body, the Deanship remains committed to fulfilling its mission of service, care, and guidance.



The Deanship places strong emphasis on developing students' capacities through cultural, artistic, athletic, and social activities. It also organizes training workshops, awareness seminars, and developmental courses to enhance leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. By providing opportunities through student clubs, unions, volunteer initiatives, and competitions, both on and off campus, the Deanship encourages active participation in all aspects of university life. These efforts aim to cultivate a responsible, engaged, and socially conscious generation capable of contributing to community service and decision-making.



Each year, the Deanship reaffirms its commitment to being a steadfast support for students by providing academic, social, and psychological care. It strives to nurture young talents and guide them toward constructive paths that contribute to building their future. Moreover, the Deanship actively encourages student participation in extracurricular activities, believing that leadership is developed not solely through academics but also through engagement in diverse student and life experiences.



The commencement of this academic year carries a clear message: students are the cornerstone of the educational process, and the Deanship of Student Affairs will continue to be an extended arm of support, care, and guidance for them. Accordingly, we urge our students to make the most of this stage of their lives, seizing every opportunity offered by the Deanship and the University. May their university journey serve as a distinguished milestone in their personal and academic development and a launching point toward a brighter future for themselves and their country. From my experience and position as Dean of Student Affairs, I would like to share some important guidelines for you to follow:

1. Organize your time from day one, for effective time management leads to success and excellence.
2. Be proactive in participating in university activities, as they help shape the leadership qualities of the future.
3. Treat others with high moral and ethical standards, as these are the hallmark of knowledge and elevate your stature.
4. Strive not only for success but for distinction, as excellence opens doors to leadership and skill, while mere success maintains your current path.
5. Engage in cultural and political life responsibly, as this enhances your social and national awareness.
6. Practice patience and resilience, for challenges are part of your journey and must be overcome.
7. Do not hesitate to ask questions or seek guidance, as requesting support from your professors and the Deanship is your right.
8. Seize every opportunity for training and development, both inside and outside the University, as skills today are an essential complement to academic qualifications.
9. Remember that the University is your second home, where you will spend many hours, and the Deanship of Student Affairs is your constant support in all your needs.
10. Be ambassadors of your University through your knowledge and conduct, reflecting a positive image of both your institution and your country.

Wishing you an academic year filled with distinction and excellence…
Together, we shape a future that reflects your aspirations.

International and Local Cooperation

Palestine Ahliya University Signs Cooperation Agreement with Misr University for Science and Technology

Palestine Ahliya University, represented by its President Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, signed a cooperation agreement with Misr University for Science and Technology, represented by its President Prof. Nihad Al-Mahboub. The agreement aims to establish a legal framework for strengthening collaboration in education, postgraduate studies, scientific research, consultancy, and training, as well as for developing future programs between the two universities.



Fr. Gesso Dos Arokiam, Head of the Salesian Monastery and Founder, and Mr. Tony Balout, Director of the Salesian Vocational Training Center, discussed ways to enhance collaboration with Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, President of the University, in the presence of Jiries Abu Ghannam, President Assistant for Public Relations and International Affairs, and Dr. Haitham Hijazi, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology.



Palestine Ahliya University Participates in Signing a Cooperation Charter between the Ministry of Higher Education and the Public Prosecution





PAU President Prof. Imad Al-Zeer took part in signing a cooperation charter between the Public Prosecution, Ministry of Higher Education, and Palestinian universities in Ramallah under the theme: “Professional Academic Institutions to Prepare Qualified Students for Serving the Nation and Citizens.

In his speech, Prof. Al-Zeer emphasized the importance of updating curricula to align with modern developments and equipping students with the latest technologies and knowledge to support an advanced justice system. He also highlighted PAU’s pride in its partnership with the Public Prosecution and the Ministry of Higher Education, stressing the need to strengthen this cooperation to benefit students and faculty, particularly in areas such as cybercrime, AI, and other contemporary issues.



Palestine Ahliya University Signs Joint Cooperation Agreement with the Palestinian Nursing and Midwifery Association Including Scholarships for Its Members





Palestine Ahliya University Signs Scholarship Agreement to Support Students and Enhance Educational Opportunities



Through the Deanship of Student Affairs, Palestine Ahliya University signed an agreement to allocate scholarships for Jerusalemite students, in the presence of Dr. Ihab Khalaileh, , Dean of Student Affairs; Prof. Imad Abu Kashk, Chair of Qudsna for Development Foundation; Dr. Nasser Qatami from the Arab and Islamic Funds Authority; and representatives of Palestinian universities.

- Ambassador Dr. Ahmed Suboh, Chairman of the Yasser Arafat Foundation, and Dr. Odeh Masharqa, General Director, along with their delegation, discussed joint cooperation with PAU President Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, in the presence of Mr. Jiries Abu Ghannam, President Assistant for Public Relations and International Affairs and Dr. Ihab Khalaileh, , Dean of Student Affairs.







Palestine Ahliya University participated in a conference on the quality of legislation and legal reform, represented by Dr. Mohammed Saabneh, Dean of the Faculty of Law. The conference, titled “Legislative Quality as a Path to Reform and Development between International Standards and Local Reality,” was organized by the Official Gazette under the patronage of Prime Minister Dr. Mohammed Mustafa. Dr. Saabneh presented a paper titled “Foundations and Standards of Legislative Quality in Palestine,” discussing the key principles and standards for drafting robust and modern legislation and its role in promoting transparency, the rule of law, and sustainable development.





Palestine Ahliya University Welcomes New Students and Opens the 2025/2026 Academic Year.














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- Palestine Ahliya University Concludes Its Three-Week Academic Development Days, Organized by the Quality and Accreditation Department. The sessions included training on using artificial intelligence in academic work and research, developing learning outcomes, assessment and evaluation, active teaching and learning methods, technical and information security skills, selecting academic journals for research publication, database use, and professional ethics.








- Palestine Ahliya University has marked a new scientific achievement in the field of digital health, securing third place in the **“Digital Health Hackathon.”** Out of ten competing teams, the University excelled in the contest, which was organized under the Youth-Friendly Spaces Project by the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and in partnership with Palestinian universities and youth initiatives.









- Palestine Ahliya University, in collaboration with the Palestinian Ministry of Health and Beit Jala Governmental Hospital, launched a blood donation campaign to support our people in the Gaza Strip.








- The Drama Club, affiliated with the Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University, took part in the Second Palestinian University Theatre Festival, hosted at Al-Kasaba Theatre in Ramallah. The festival was organized under the patronage of “The Cultural Incubator of Palestine,” in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and supported by the Drosos Foundation. The club’s members performed a play titled *Optimism vs. Life*, directed by artist Christine Al-Houdali and overseen by Mr. Bahaa Arman, Head of the Activities Department.











Donia Al-Jaafari, a student at Palestine Ahliya University, has achieved a distinguished academic accomplishment by being awarded a full scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Stavanger, Norway. This opportunity comes within the framework of the AIESI Project, funded by the Norwegian NORPART Program.





In line with its commitment to strengthening international academic partnerships and advancing its educational and research programs, Palestine Ahliya University delegated Dr. Ahmed Abdou, President Assistant for Planning and Development, and Dr. Mohammad Kouali, Coordinator of the Electrical Engineering Program, on an official visit to the University of Stavanger (UiS) in Norway. The visit took place under the framework of two strategic projects: AIESI and SPEED.





- Palestine Ahliya University hosted the Comprehensive Exam for the summer term of the 2025–2026 academic year.













- Palestine Ahliya University held a set of orientation meetings for new students enrolled in the Diploma program for the 2025–2026 academic year.





- The Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Community Development and Continuing Education Institute (CDCE-I) at Palestine Ahliya University, and in partnership with the Palestinians Foundation, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, launched the preparatory training program for university students in debate arts, as part of the Palestine Debates Program.





- Palestine Ahliya University held the second session of the Placement Test for undergraduate students for the 2025–2026 academic year.













- Palestine Ahliya University organized a coordination meeting to promote the integration of students into community rehabilitation programs. The initiative focused on students, especially those in humanitarian and educational fields working with people with disabilities, offering them hands-on training in centers set up by the Community Rehabilitation Program. The program aims to strengthen students' personal growth, practical skills, and readiness to enter the labor market, while enhancing their abilities in disability-related interventions.













Scientific Research Corner



Palestine Ahliya University is pleased to announce the release of the second issue of Volume four (2025) of the

"Palestine Ahliya University Journal for Research and Studies"

published by the Scientific Research Department. This peer-reviewed, open-access academic journal serves as a trusted resource for researchers and specialists, providing a scholarly platform for disseminating high-quality, peer-reviewed research. It welcomes submissions across a diverse array of fields, including engineering, computer and information technology, literature and the humanities, business and economics, the social sciences, medicine and healthcare, the natural sciences, agricultural and food sciences, nutrition, as well as interdisciplinary studies.

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Dr. Mahmmoud Itmeizeh published a new paper titled

"Digital Citizenship in the Age of AI in Higher Education Institutions: Academic Integrity and Institutional Responsibilities"



Dr. Emma Qumsiyeh published a new paper titled

"Leveraging microRNA-Gene Associations with miRGediNET: An Intelligent Approach for Enhanced Classification of Breast Cancer Molecular Subtypes"



Dr. Azzam Alarab and Dr. Rateb Abu Shameh published a new paper titled

"Comparative Impact of Aerobic vs. Resistance Training on Fatigue, Mobility, and Disability in Cancer Patients"



Prof. Nasser Jardat and Dr. Mousa Ajouz published a new paper titled

"The Impact of Multiple Intelligences on Recruitment and Selection of Employees"

Palestine Ahliya University is pleased to open its doors for productive research partnerships with academic institutions and distinguished researchers in various fields.

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