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The 100th among Arab Universities

The 5th among Palestinian Universities

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 - 21 October 2025

Tawjihi 2007: 'Please wait while we continue working to announce your results soon.

Students	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	111	793	395	18569+	27211+	-
Universities	37	249+	451+	1341+	2886+	Unknown

Educational staff	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	5	23	201+	791	3251	Unknown
Universities	-	Unknown	27	241	1466+	Unknown



Attacks on Schools & Universities

West Bank

Schools

- School raids continue to occur.
- Demolition of two schools in the West Bank (Ameera Basic School in Yatta and Aqaba Basic School in Tubas).

Universities

- Eight universities and colleges were subjected to repeated assaults and vandalism.

Gaza Strip

Schools

- 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.

Universities

- More than (63) university buildings have been completely destroyed.

- Due to the attacks on the Gaza Strip, thirty schools, along with their students and teachers, were removed from the educational register.
- (3,000) West Bank teachers continue to teach Gaza students through virtual schools.
- A field survey has been launched to evaluate the scale of destruction across the Gaza Strip.
- The Tawjihi Examination for secondary students born in 2007 in the Gaza Strip has been completed.

Palestine Ahliya University Advances in Global and Arab Rankings: Detailed Look at Performance and Future Strategy



Dr. Ahmed Abdou
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Amid the significant transformations occurring in higher education at both the regional and international levels, university rankings have emerged as a pivotal tool for evaluating academic, research, and societal performance, as well as identifying strengths and areas for improvement. These rankings reflect an institution's capacity to compete, ensure educational quality, foster innovation, and contribute to sustainable development.

Through its academic policies and strategies, Palestine Ahliya University seeks to strengthen its position among Palestinian, Arab, and international universities by actively participating in globally and regionally recognized rankings and enhancing performance across all domains. Consequently, Palestine Ahliya University has achieved various positions in prominent international and global rankings, most notably:

QS Ranking: The QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) ranking relies on a comprehensive methodology based on six key indicators: academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-to-student ratio, proportion of international faculty, proportion of international students, and certain research-related metrics. QS is considered one of the most influential rankings in determining the academic standing of universities at both regional and international levels, as it combines quantitative data with the assessments of scholarly reputation.

Palestine Ahliya University was ranked 100th among Arab universities and fifth within Palestine in the 2025 QS Regional Rankings for Arab Universities. This performance reflects the university's progress in teaching quality, the enhancement of academic programs, and its growing presence in international academic networks, in addition to the development of research indicators that are increasingly influencing the Arab scholarly community.

Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking: The Times Higher Education (THE) ranking is considered one of the most prominent global rankings due to its rigorous and transparent methodology. It evaluates university performance across several key dimensions: teaching quality, research strength, research impact,





international outlook, and industry income. The ranking employs both quantitative and qualitative data, including the number of research citations, research funding volume, international collaboration, and the relevance of research to industry and society.

In this ranking, Palestine Ahliya University was included in THE World & Arab 2025 as a ‹Reporter,› reflecting the university's fulfillment of the criteria for official participation and its potential to further develop its indicators to achieve a ranking among local and global universities. The report emphasizes that enhancing research output and increasing the number of research citations is a key factor that could significantly improve the university's future ranking. This necessitates continued investment in research infrastructure, encouraging faculty to publish in peer-reviewed international journals, and expanding research collaborations with global academic institutions.

THE Impact Rankings: This ranking represents a qualitative addition to university evaluations, as it measures the extent to which universities contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is based on institutional data, research projects, and community initiatives, analyzed across a set of indicators linked to various development goals, ranging from quality education, health, clean energy, and gender equality, to community innovation and contributions to eradicate poverty.
Palestine Ahliya University achieved a notable presence in this ranking, placing within the 600–800 band globally and securing third place nationally. This performance highlights the university's commitment to its social and environmental responsibilities through innovative projects and practical initiatives in the field of sustainable development, demonstrating its capacity to integrate research into community service and address real-world challenges.

Arab Ranking for the Association of Arab Universities: The Association of Arab Universities Union has launched a regional ranking that emphasizes Arab-specific characteristics and evaluates university performance based on indicators such as education, research, community service, innovation, and international partnerships. The ranking methodology relies on collecting and analyzing official university data, as well as surveys regarding academic reputation, research collaboration, and community programs.
Palestine Ahliya University ranked second nationally and 33rd in the Arab region, affirming its excellence in academic and research performance and its advanced standing among Palestinian and Arab universities—particularly in the areas of innovative academic programs, community service, creativity, and

international openness.

UI GreenMetric Ranking: This ranking focuses on environmental sustainability in universities, assessing performance across six main indicators: infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water conservation, transportation, and education and research in sustainability. The methodology relies on verified institutional data and official university reports, combined with a standardized global evaluation framework that enables meaningful comparisons of environmental performance among universities worldwide.

Palestine Ahliya University ranked fifth nationally and 566th globally, reflecting its strong commitment to environmental sustainability initiatives such as the Green University Program, resource conservation, expansion of green spaces, and the development of academic and research programs focused on sustainability.

Additionally, the results achieved by Palestine Ahliya University in these rankings demonstrate its dedication to enhancing educational quality, advancing scientific research, promoting international engagement, serving the community, and implementing sustainable environmental practices.

It is evident that enhancing scientific research and increasing research citations represent a key opportunity for improving the University's standing in global rankings. Achieving this goal requires investment in research infrastructure, expansion of international collaborations, and encouraging faculty members to engage in high-impact scholarly publication.

Active participation in rankings is not an end in itself, but rather a strategic tool for assessing performance, identifying future priorities, and enhancing the University's position at the local, Arab, and international levels, thereby ensuring a distinguished academic future aligned with the objectives of sustainable development.

Top News

Palestine Ahliya University achieves significant academic milestone by earning a place in the QS World University Rankings 2026



Palestine Ahliya University has achieved a significant academic milestone by earning a place in the QS World University Rankings 2026. The university ranked fifth among Palestinian universities and 100th among Arab universities. This accomplishment reflects the university's continuous development in academic and research performance and reaffirms its strong presence on the international educational stage.

The QS World University Rankings is considered one of the most prestigious and internationally recognized rankings in higher education. It is based on rigorous criteria, including academic reputation, quality of education, research performance, graduate employability, and the university's level of internationalization.

Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, President of Palestine Ahliya University, stated that the University's inclusion in this international ranking represents a culmination of its ongoing efforts to develop academic programs, enhance scientific research, and build effective international partnerships.

He also added that Palestine Ahliya University's presence in the QS World University Rankings is evidence of the qualitative progress it has achieved in recent years and reflects its commitment to excellence and innovation in higher education and community service.

Additionally, Prof. Al-Zeer emphasized that this achievement serves as an added incentive to continue advancing the academic and research standards in alignment with the University's vision of establishing itself as a leading educational institution at both the national and regional levels. He noted that this accomplishment adds to a series of recognitions the University has received in other international and local rankings, such as the Arab University Rankings by the Association of Arab Universities, in which the University secured second place nationwide last year.

The inclusion of Palestine Ahliya University in the QS World University Rankings 2026 is an important step that strengthens Palestine's presence on the global higher education map and highlights the competence of Palestinian universities, their competitiveness, and their ability to achieve academic excellence despite the challenges.

Palestine Ahliya University Joins International Conference on "Universities and AI Technology," Strengthening Academic Cooperation with Chinese Institutions

Palestine Ahliya University participated in the Second International Conference titled "Universities and Artificial Intelligence Technology," organized by the Association of Arab Universities in cooperation with the Chinese Universities Association in Amman, Jordan. The conference witnessed broad participation from university presidents, experts, and researchers representing 18 countries across the Arab world and China.

Palestine Ahliya University was represented at this international event by Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, University President and Member of the Executive Council of the Association of Arab Universities, and Dr. Haitham Hijazi, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology. Both participated in the conference sessions and side meetings, as well as in the activities of the China–Arab Cooperation Program (10+10), which aims to strengthen communication channels between Arab and Chinese universities and to develop joint scientific and research initiatives.







Prof. Dr. Imad Al-Zeer, President of Palestine Ahliya University, Participates in "Education amid Challenges: Prospects for Palestinian Resilience and Creativity" Conference

Prof. Dr. Imad Al-Zeer, President of Palestine Ahliya University, participated in the conference "Education Amid Challenges: Prospects for Palestinian Resilience and Creativity", organized by Al-Quds Open University in collaboration with colleagues from the Middle East Professional Learning Initiative **(MEPLI)** at Harvard University.

His participation took place in the opening panel discussion, moderated by the University's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Mazouz Alawnah, and included a distinguished group of academics, educators, and experts from Palestinian and national universities and institutions.

The panel addressed the structural challenges facing Palestinian education and explored prospects for its development amidst political, economic, and technological transformations. Discussions emphasized the importance of educational equity, empowering teachers and students, and promoting education as a tool for national resistance and development.

During the session, Prof. Dr. Al-Zeer provided an overview of the current state of education in Palestine, highlighted examples of comprehensive educational reforms implemented in Arab and international contexts, and addressed the concept of social-emotional learning, stressing that it is a necessity rather than a luxury.







Palestine Ahliya University participated in the *First National Qualification Conference Palestine 2025 (Reality and Ambition), held in the city of Dura. The initiative was led by Dr. Rateb Abu Shama, a faculty member at the university and Chair of the Conference Preparatory Committee with distinguished scholarly contributions from Prof. Ahmed Al-Batran, Dean of the Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences and a member of the Conference Scientific Committee.











International and Local Cooperation

Palestine Ahliya University signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Italian company GEWISS aimed at developing advanced research laboratories, exchanging expertise, training students, and conducting joint workshops. The partnership seeks to enhance the skills of graduates from the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology in the fields of electricity, automation and smart home technologies.





Lectures and seminars

Palestine Ahliya University participated in a seminar on the culture of student council elections in universities, organized by the Yasser Arafat Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The seminar was titled

"**The Culture of Student Council Elections in Universities and Its Role in Promoting the Culture of General Palestinian Elections**"

and was attended by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ihab Khalaileh, along with representatives of the Student Union Council and the Student Youth Movement at the university.









At the invitation of the Subcommittee responsible for drafting the chapter on Judicial Authority and the Rule of Law within the Palestinian Constitution Project, Dr. Mohammed Saabneh, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Palestine Ahliya University, participated in a consultative meeting organized by the Legal Committee tasked with drafting the Palestinian Constitution, established by presidential decree issued by His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas.



Palestine Ahliya University, in Partnership with Beit Jala and Bethlehem Municipalities, Organizes Seminar on "**Renewable Energy and Its Applications in Bethlehem Governorate**"







The Faculty of Law organized a specialized seminar titled
"**Civil Liability for Predictive Errors of Artificial Intelligence in Smart Contracts**"
presented by legal researcher and attorney Lourd Ghmeim. The session was chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Mohammed Saabneh.





Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University, in Partnership with the YWCA and the Bethlehem Water and Sewerage Authority, Organizes Scientific Seminar on
"**The Reality and Challenges of Water in Bethlehem Governorate**"





The Faculty of Law conducted an awareness session for students at the Swedish Good Shepherd School in Bethlehem on **"Women's Inheritance Rights from a Legal and Sharia Perspective**." Dr. Suhail Al-Ahmad discussed key topics including an introduction to inheritance, the pillars of inheritance, individual inheritance shares, and the factors affecting inheritance from both legal and Sharia perspectives.





Eng. Hanan Abu Mariah, a faculty member at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology delivered a lecture titled "**Artificial Intelligence and Renewable Energy**" organized by the IEEE PPU PES team at Palestine Polytechnic University.





Events and Activities

Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, President of Palestine Ahliya University, inaugurated the Digital and Future Jobs Summit*, organized by the Alumni and Training Unit on the university campus. The event was supported by the Palestinian Telecommunications Company “Jawwal” and the “Ana Jawwal” team, and attended by the university’s vice presidents, assistant presidents, academic and administrative staff, as well as a large audience of students, alumni, and representatives from various companies and institutions.

The event featured interactive booths for participating companies and institutions on the university campus, providing an overview about their services, available training and job opportunities. Additionally, professional guidance and advice were offered to students regarding the skills required for digital and future-oriented jobs.









The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at Palestine Ahliya University held a general meeting for students to commence the 2025/2026 academic year.








The Deanship of Student Affairs participated in the Debate Arts Training Camp, as part of the university's recently implemented experimental capacity-building program in debate and dialogue. The program aims to select the Debate Club and promote a culture of structured, research-based discussion and dialogue among students.













Palestine Ahliya University hosts students from the Latin Patriarchate School in Beit Sahour.





The Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences organized an orientation event to welcome new students for the 2025/2026 academic year.





Palestine Ahliya University, in collaboration with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society and funded by UNFPA, organizes "**Check and Be Assured**" campaign for breast cancer early detection awareness as part of Pink October activities.

























The Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University honored the graduates of the Advanced First Aid Course, as well as the students who secured third place in the Digital Health Hackathon competition, competing among ten student teams from Palestinian universities and youth groups.





Palestine Ahliya University, represented by Mr. Baha Arman, Head of the Student Activities Department at the Deanship of Student Affairs, and Mrs. Farah Qafisheh from the International and Public Relations Department, participated in a specialized workshop on guidance activities for high school students for the 2025/2026 academic year. The workshop was organized by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and included representatives from higher education institutions and counseling departments in the directorates of education.





The Faculty of Professions and Applied Sciences at Palestine Ahliya University organized the “Pink October” campaign to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, reflecting its social responsibility and commitment to promoting health awareness among students and the community.

The campaign began on the university campus with the participation of students and faculty members and continued with a field visit to Al-Hussein Hospital in Bethlehem, in partnership with Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie.













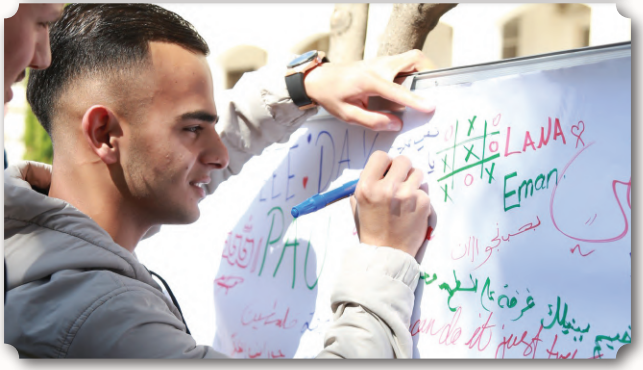
The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at Palestine Ahliya University organized IEEE Day 2025, featuring a student exhibition where participants presented their ideas and technological products. The event also included a series of interactive competitions that tested participants' creative thinking and teamwork skills, adding an element of fun and challenge to the day's activities.













The Deanship of Student Affairs launched the “Stories and Resilience” initiative in partnership with the ANAR Foundation, aiming to discuss the challenges faced by students. The initiative addressed the concept of psychological trauma, its types, and its physiological effects on the brain, body, and individual behaviors.













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.

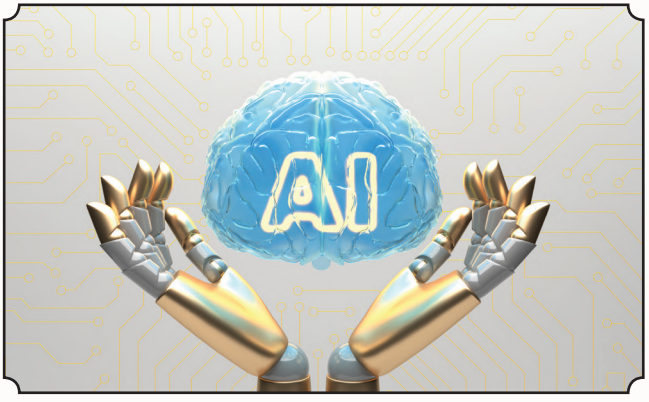
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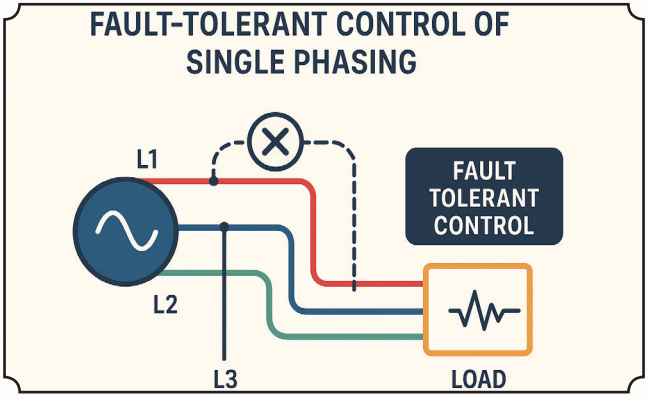


Pro. Ahmad Batran and Dr. Muath Abu Ejheisheh published a new paper titled
"The Association Between Self-Esteem, Assertiveness, and Professional Competence Among Palestinian Newly Graduated Emergency and Critical Care Nurses"

Dr. Suhail Al-Ahmad published a new paper titled
"Using Artificial Intelligence in Issuing Fatwas: A Jurisprudential Study"



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Dr. Ahmed Abdou published a new paper titled
"Fault Detection and Fault Tolerant Control of Single Phasing on Three-Phase System"

Dr. Hamza Shaheen published a new paper titled
"Comparison of different treatment positions of nerve slider technique for patients with low back pain: a randomized control trial"



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