



A Preliminary Report from Librarians and Archivists with Palestine

Sheehan, Dan. "Gaza's main public library has been destroyed by Israeli bombing," Lithub.com, November 27, 2023.

with his wife Nihad and infant
granddaughter Alin while sheltering at the
Saint Porphyrius Orthodox Church.

- Archivist of Photo Kegham, Kegham Djeghalian's

Rafah Museum (Rafah) was completely destroyed by airstrikes in early October 2023. **Shahwan Museum** was reported damaged on December 6, 2023.

Image sources:

- Historian and Director of Al-Quds Open University's Khan Yunis Branch.

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gazareport2024](http://tinyurl.com/gazareport2024)

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**2024" by Librarians and Archivists
with Palestine.**

**ISRAELI DAMAGE TO
LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS IN GAZA,
OCTOBER 2023-JANUARY 2024**

The destruction of cultural heritage in Gaza impoverishes the collective identity of the

Palestinian people, irrevocably denies them their history, and violates their sovereignty.

A vertical collage of historical black and white photographs from the Central Archives of Gaza City. The images depict various scenes from the early 20th century, including a man in traditional dress, a group of people, a building interior, and a landscape view.

We compile and offer this information with the understanding that **the erasure of Palestinian culture and history has long been an Israeli tactic of war and occupation**, a means to further limit the self-determination of the Palestinian people.

ARCHIVES & RARE BOOKS

Central Archives of Gaza City, Gaza City Hall (Gaza City) was reported destroyed on November 29, 2023. The archives contained 1500 years of records pertaining to Gaza's history.

Omari Mosque and Library (Gaza City) was destroyed on December 8, 2023. The mosque was built in the 7th century and contained one of the most significant collections of rare books in Palestine, including works dating to the 14th century.

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Diana Tamari Sabbagh Library in the Rashad al-Shawa Cultural Center was destroyed by Israeli shelling on November 20, 2023. The building had been sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians.

Enaim Library was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023.

Gaza Municipal Library (Gaza City) was reported damaged by fire on November 27,

Kana'an Educational Development
2023.

Institute (Al-Rimal, Gaza City) was reported destroyed, including the community library on December 6, 2023.

Lubbud Library was reported destroyed on
December 6, 2022
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Al-Nahda Library was reported destroyed
December 6, 2023.

Samir Mansour Bookshop and Library
December 6, 2023.

(Gaza City) was reported severely damaged
October 10, 2023.

Al-Shorouq Al-Daem Library was reportedly destroyed on December 6, 2023.