

Al-Shorouq Al-Daeem Library was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023.

Gaza City was reportedly severely damaged on October 10, 2023.

Samir Mansour Bookshop and Library

AL-Nahda Library was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023.

Lubbud Library was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023.

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Institute (Al-Rimal, Gaza City) was reportedly destroyed, including the community library.

Kana'an Educational Development

2023.

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

Ehaim Library was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023.

hundreds of displaced Palestinians.

2023. The building had been sheltering

Rashad al-Shawa Cultural Center was destroyed by Israeli shelling on November 25,

Diana Tamari Sabagh Library in the

LIBRARIES

MUSEUMS

Akkad Museum was reported damaged on November 28, 2023. The museum includes about 2,800 artifacts from prehistoric to modern times.

Cultural Kararah Museum was reported severely damaged on December 6, 2023.

Deir Al-Balah Museum was reported partially damaged on November 7, 2023.

Ibrahim Abu Sha'ar Heritage Diwan (Southeast of Rafah) was reported destroyed on December 6, 2023, including an extensive collection of Bedouin heritage.

Khudari Museum was reported damaged on December 6, 2023.

Al-Qarara Cultural Museum, also known as the Khan Younis Museum (Khan Younis) was heavily damaged in October 2023, including complete destruction of the pottery collection.

Rafah Museum (Rafah) was completely destroyed by airstrikes in early October 2023.

Shahwan Museum was reported damaged on December 6, 2023.

reports do not mention the library specifically.

University (Gaza City): University campuses

was destroyed on October 19, 2023, though

Jawharat Nahr Library, Al-Azhar

2023.

Al-Quds Open University was reported destroyed on December 6,

18, 2024. The museum was looted prior to its destruction.

Museum (near Gaza City) was destroyed by Israeli military control detonation on January

City) was destroyed on October 9, 2023.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Palestine, including works dating to the 14th

century, most significantly collections of rare books in

built in the 7th century and contained one of the

destroyed on December 8, 2023. The mosque was

Omar Mosque and Library (Gaza City) was

years of records pertaining to Gaza's history.

November 29, 2023. The archives contained 150

Hall (Gaza City) was destroyed on

Central Archives of Gaza City, Gaza City

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ARCHIVES & RARE BOOKS

MARTYRED INFORMATION WORKERS

Abdul Karim Hashash (October 23, 2023) with many members of his family.

- Writer and advocate for Palestinian heritage, collector of Palestinian rare books.

Bilal Jadallah (November 19, 2023)

- Director of the Press House.

Doaa Al-Masri (December 7, 2023) with her parents and siblings.

- Librarian at the Edward Said Library.

Dr. Jihad Suleiman Al-Masri (October 17, 2023)

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

Iman Abu Saeed with her children Joudi and Ziyad and her husband Eyad.

- Oral historian at the Tamer Institute for Community Education.

Marwan Tarazi (October 19, 2023), killed with his wife Nihad and infant granddaughter Alin while sheltering at the Saint Porphyrius Orthodox Church.

- Archivist of Photo Kegham, Kegham Djeghalian's photography studio.

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We mourn the deaths of our colleagues and

killed in the ongoing Israeli bombardment.

Librarians and archivists who have been

Finally, we include information about the

Gaza Municipal Library (Gaza City)



blockade of the Gaza Strip.

access to reading materials, despite Israel's ongoing

of Gaza's libraries to acquire, care for, and provide

the loss of not only book collections, but the efforts

heritage. The destruction of libraries represents

spaces, and repositories of cultural

communities

we bring a focus on libraries, archives, and

museums as sites of knowledge, culture, and

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This is an abbreviation of the original report: "Israeli Damage to Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Gaza, October 2023-January 2024" by Librarians and Archivists with Palestine.

To access the full report in English and Arabic, please visit:

tinyurl.com/gazareport2024



Image Sources:

@ischoolstudents4palestine on Instagram

"Gaza's Central Archives building lies in ruins after Israeli air strike," Middle East Eye YouTube, November 30, 2023.

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

of the damage to cultural heritage.

Killed, making it even more difficult to take stock

the built environment that have been

communities, and blackouts, frequent

such as the targeting of journalists, frequent

Israeli bombardment. Current conditions in

libraries, and museums in Gaza during the ongoing

war are difficult to determine the status of archives,

very difficult to determine the status of

libraries, and museums in Gaza that have been

destroyed, damaged, or looted by Israeli armed

forces since October 7, 2023.

In this report, we offer a partial list of archives,

libraries, and museums that have been

destroyed, damaged, or looted by Israeli armed

forces since October 7, 2023.

This report is necessarily incomplete. It is

designed to offer this information with the

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