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The Al-Azhar University has separate campuses for male and female students. Shown here is the campus for male students. Reproduced with kind permission of Ahmad Haziq Roslee.



The Al-Azhar University has been the centre for traditional Islamic learning for aspiring *ulama* for centuries. This is the condition of its classrooms.

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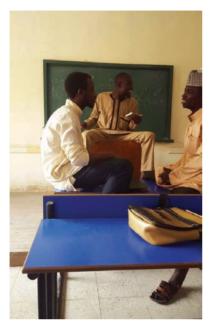


A lecture hall in the university. Students often complain that the halls cannot accommodate the large number of students who come from all over the world.

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A typical lecture setting at the male campus. Reproduced with kind permission of Muhammad Shafeeq Bin Abdul Talib.





Classrooms at the university. Singaporean students, used to having well-equipped and modern classrooms in Singapore *madrasahs* and schools, have to adapt themselves to the condition of the classrooms. Reproduced with kind permission of Muhammad Shafeeq Bin Abdul Talib.



Long queues are common when students have to settle administrative matters including visa application, visa renewal and paying of school fees.
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A clerk handling student records. Most administrative matters are still done manually. Reproduced with kind permission of Nur Hidayah Binte Mohammad Ismail.



A glimpse of some of the academics at the university, dressed in traditional scholar garb.

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A lecturer conducting an oral examination. Reproduced with kind permission of Muhammad Shafeeq Bin Abdul Talib.



An oral examination for Quran memorization in progress. Invigilators will randomly call students to come to the podium to recite selected verses from the Quran in front of the class.

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A typical scene at Rabaáh El Adawiyah district from where female students take public transport to go to campus.

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An invited scholar addressing Singapore Al-Azhar students. The visit was organized by Perkemas.

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Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram, Mufti of Singapore (left) and another Muis official interacting with Singapore students during their visit to the Al-Azhar University organized by Perkemas.

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Egypt was once a centre of Islamic civilization and has always been the centre of Islamic learning. One of its main attractions is the pyramids. Reproduced with kind permission of Ahmad Haziq Roslee.