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The Al-Azhar University has separate campuses for male and female students. Shown here is the campus for male students.

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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.
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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The Faculty of Islamic Studies at the Al-Azhar University.
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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.
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