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President's Message

Al-Balqa Applied University continues to fulfill its academic mission as a national institution acutely aware of the responsibility it bears at this critical juncture. Higher education today is no longer a matter of transmitting knowledge alone; it is a comprehensive process of preparing individuals who are capable of thinking, analyzing, and contributing meaningfully to the development of their communities.

As the University advances on its path, it places at the forefront of its priorities the consolidation of quality, the strengthening of institutional discipline, and the provision of a safe and stimulating learning environment that upholds the values of diligence and excellence. We work continuously to refine our tools, review our performance, and ensure that every step we take is guided by a clear vision grounded in deliberate planning and collective effort.

We believe that the strength of a university is measured not solely by the scale of its programs or facilities, but by its capacity to cultivate deep awareness, ethical responsibility, and a culture of work that respects time, knowledge, and effort. From this conviction, the student remains at the center of the educational process, and every member of the academic and administrative staff remains an essential partner in the fulfillment of its mission.

As the remaining days of the holy month of Ramadan draw to a close, we extend our warmest greetings to the entire University community, praying that it may be a month of blessing and goodness, and that we may all be granted the strength to carry on our work in a spirit of responsibility and devotion. Wishing you well in this season and always.

Professor Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni
President, Al-Balqa Applied University



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Media Department's Message

This edition is published at the midpoint of the holy month of Ramadan, a moment in which the serenity of the season coincides with the start of a new academic semester at Al-Balqa Applied University. Contemplation meets renewed academic activity, and the spiritual rhythm finds balance with the demands of work and the responsibilities of the moment.

Across the University's campuses, vitality returns with the students, academic plans proceed on schedule, and research and administrative initiatives continue within an institutional vision built on continuity and incremental progress.

Ramadan at the University does not signal a pause; rather, it calls for a more disciplined rhythm and a sharper focus on the substance of achievement. With the new semester underway, responsibilities are renewed and projects advance with steady purpose.

In this context, the Department of Media fulfills its role in documenting this continuous momentum and conveying the University's image as it takes shape day by day: a cumulative endeavor, an ongoing trajectory, and a shared responsibility.

We pray that the remainder of Ramadan brings blessings upon all, and that it may carry for us and for you continued success. Wishing you well in this season and always.

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Vision

A scientifically leading and globally competing applied university, distinguished in creativity, innovation, applied scientific research and leadership for the purpose of compounding knowledge economy and society.

Mission

Providing high quality applied and technical education, and furnishing competitive, incubating and stimulating environment for innovation, creativity, research, development and leadership in order to contribute to attaining sustainable development and knowledge economy.



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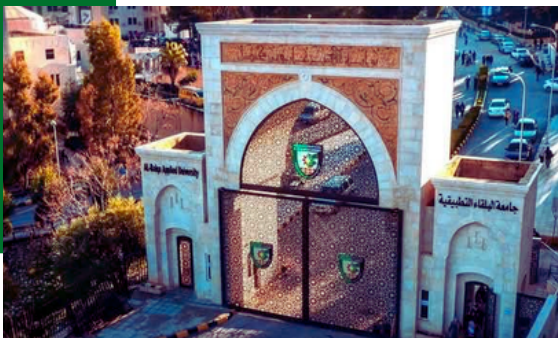


President Extends Ramadan Greetings to His Majesty and the Nation

President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni extended his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Abdullah II, the Crown Prince, and the Jordanian people on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. He prayed for blessings, prosperity, and peace for the nation and the wider Arab and Muslim communities.

Board of Trustees Approves Comprehensive Institutional Transformation Plan for 2026–2030

The Board of Trustees of Al-Balqa Applied University, chaired by H.E. Dr. Umayya Toukan, with President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni and board members in attendance, approved the University's Strategic Plan for 2026–2030. The plan establishes a governing framework for a new phase of institutional planning grounded in results-based management and maximizing national impact.



Board of Trustees Approves 2025 Final Accounts and 2026 Budget



At its meeting chaired by H.E. Dr. Umayya Toukan, the Board of Trustees approved the final accounts for the University's 2025 budget and the proposed 2026 budget. The new budget was developed based on key economic indicators, including projected growth rates and inflation, reflecting the University's commitment to enhancing spending efficiency and directing resources toward academic and developmental priorities



Al-Ajlouni Joins National Youth Policy Consultations

President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni participated in a consultative session convened by the Ministry of Youth alongside education ministers and university presidents from across Jordan. The meeting focused on developing joint youth programs and coordinating national strategy to empower young Jordanians.



Public Security Director Sponsors Correctional Diploma Graduation

Major General Dr. Obeidallah Al-Maaitah, Director of Public Security, presided over the graduation of the seventh, eighth, and ninth cohorts of the Correctional and Rehabilitation Centers Diploma Program. BAU designed the curriculum, delivered the training, and provided specialist faculty to equip correctional staff with modern professional and rehabilitative competencies.



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BAU Explores Virtual Reality Partnership with Romanian Delegation

BAU welcomed a delegation led by Professor Eiden Mamut, Director of the UPTAKERS Project at Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania, along with senior Romanian Embassy officials. Discussions centered on establishing a virtual reality laboratory at Al-Huson University College, extending VR applications to the Faculty of Medicine, and the prospect of hosting an international conference on disruptive AI and extended reality technologies.

Spanish Delegation Visits to Advance Digital Transformation

President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni received representatives from Spain's Jovesolids organization and the DIGIWAVE project team to explore collaboration in digital transformation and community development. The delegation outlined Jovesolids' work in sustainable development, digital education, and capacity building.





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My BAU Mobile App Launches

The University launched the My BAU app, giving students and staff unified mobile access to academic and administrative services. The app is part of BAU's broader commitment to digital transformation and improving the student experience.

BAU Welcomes Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Delegation



President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni received a delegation from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) to explore avenues for collaboration in infrastructure development, technical education, and sustainable tourism aligned with national development priorities. The visit included a review of projects funded through a loan from the Jordanian government via AICS, which supported infrastructure upgrades at Ajloun University College and the establishment of Jerash Technical College, inaugurated by His Majesty King Abdullah II.

Al-Ajlouni Directs Early Salary Payment and Loan Deferral Ahead of Ramadan



President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni directed the deferral of interest-free loan and staff club installment deductions for February and March 2026 for all faculty and administrative staff, in recognition of the financial demands associated with the holy month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. He also instructed that February salaries be disbursed early, on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Midwifery Graduates Achieve Outstanding Results in National Licensure Examination



Graduates of the Midwifery Department at the Faculty of Nursing achieved distinguished results in the 2025 midwifery licensure examination administered by the Jordanian Nursing Council. President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni noted that this accomplishment reflects the University's dedication to producing qualified health professionals equipped with the scientific knowledge and clinical skills required by the highest professional standards

Over 16,700 Students Receive Grants and Loans

BAU recorded one of the highest student financial support rates among Jordanian universities this year. A total of 16,736 students benefited from the Student Support Fund, with the take-up rate among associate degree students exceeding 99 percent. President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni credited the University's focus on aligning programs with regional labor market demands in high-employability technical disciplines.





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200 Female Students Awarded Monthly Stipends

The Student Women's Fund Committee approved monthly stipends of JD 60 for 200 female students in its first session of the 2025/2026 academic year. All applications were reviewed against economic, social, and humanitarian criteria to ensure fair distribution.

BAU Wins Jordanian Universities Futsal Championship for Second Consecutive Year

Al-Balqa Applied University's football team was crowned champion of the Jordanian Universities Futsal Championship after a decisive 9-2 victory over the University of Petra in the final. President Al-Ajlouni expressed pride in the achievement, describing it as a reflection of teamwork, dedication, and perseverance among the University's students, and reaffirmed BAU's continued support for all student activities.

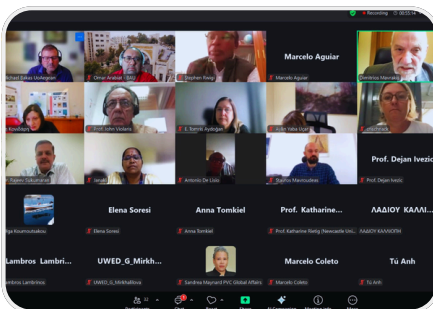




Cooperation Agreement Signed with Arab Academy for Science and Technology

BAU signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport covering undergraduate and graduate student exchange, joint academic programs, particularly in maritime transport, and faculty mobility.

BAU Co-Hosts International Conference on Education and Sustainable Development as Global SDG 4 Chair



In its capacity as Global Chair of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education), Al-Balqa Applied University co-organized a virtual international conference in partnership with the SDG 7 Chair (Affordable and Clean Energy). The conference, titled "Teaching and Learning within SDG 4 and SDG 7: Toward Comprehensive and Sustainable Global Academic Cooperation," brought together international academic leaders from several countries to advance cross-disciplinary collaboration in education and sustainability.

CRISPR Research Unit Established for Food Security



A research team in the Faculty of Technological Agriculture has established Jordan's first university-based CRISPR-Cas gene editing research unit, housed at the Princess Tasneem bint Ghazi Station for Technological Research. The unit focuses on precise modification of tomato traits without introducing foreign genes, positioning BAU at the forefront of biotechnology applications for food security.

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BAU Participates in Armed Forces' World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebrations

Vice President for Centers and Community Service Dr. Khaled Al-Zoubi represented the University at the Armed Forces' 2026 World Interfaith Harmony Week celebrations. Dr. Al-Zoubi emphasized the event's significance as an embodiment of the values of tolerance and coexistence, noting that BAU is committed to fostering a culture of interfaith dialogue as a cornerstone of its educational mission and its cultural role in serving the community.

BAU Commends Government's JD 100 Million Allocation to Support Public Universities

Al-Balqa Applied University expressed its gratitude to the Jordanian government, led by Prime Minister Dr. Jaafar Hassan, and to Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Dr. Azmi Mahafzah, for allocating JD 100 million to settle financial obligations of public universities, including social security contributions and accreditation authority dues



استدامة الجامعات الرسمية

دعم حكومي لتعزيز

تنفيذاً للتوجيهات الملكية السامية لـ الملك عبد الله الثاني ابن الحسين الهاشمية التي تعزز مكانة مؤسسات التعليم العالي ضمن ديموقراطيا المالبة تطوير المخدرات الأكاديمية والبحثية تمكين الطلبة لسوق العمل 100 مليون دينار

تخصيص حكومي لسداد الالتزامات المالية المترتبة على الجامعات الرسمية بـ 100 مليون دينار

مستشفيات الضمان الاجتماعي مستشفيات هيئة اعتماد مؤسسات التعليم العالي وضمان جودتها بدعم من:

حكومة المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية برئاسة دولة رئيس الوزراء الدكتور جعفر حسن ومهاثي وزير التعليم العالي والبحث العلمي الأستاذ الدكتور عزمي محافظة أكد الأستاذ الدكتور أحمد فخر العجلوني

أن القرار يعكس حرص الحكومة على دعم الجامعات الرسمية وتمكينها من أداء رسالتها الوطنية.

التعليم أولوية وطنية

SOFT Project Focus Group Advances Smart Organic Agriculture Education



As part of the EU-funded Erasmus+ SOFT project (Smart Organic Agriculture and Farming Technologies), the Faculty of Technological Agriculture organized a focus group at the Professional Associations Complex in Al-Salt. Project Director Dr. Tariq Al-Azab described SOFT as a transformative

step in agricultural education, integrating modern technology into organic farming, enhancing digital skills among agricultural engineers, and aligning higher education outcomes with labor market needs.

BAU Wins First Prize in International Gaza Reconstruction Design Competition



The Department of Architectural Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering won first prize in the urban design category of the International Gaza Reconstruction Competition for its design of the Islamic University of Gaza campus. The competition, held virtually, drew entries from universities across the Arab world and Europe.

Zarqa University College Joins Governorate Celebrations for His Majesty's Birthday



Zarqa University College, led by Dean Dr. Zaid Suleiman Al-Adwan, participated alongside faculty, staff, and students in Zarqa Governorate's celebration of His Majesty King Abdullah II's birthday, reaffirming the College's loyalty to the Hashemite leadership and its spirit of national belonging



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Faculty of Technological Engineering Celebrates His Majesty King Abdullah II's 64th Birthday

Under the direction of President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni, Dean Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Shuqairat presided over a celebration marking the 64th birthday of His Majesty King Abdullah II. Al-Shuqairat expressed the academic community's pride in His Majesty's wise leadership and the achievements realized during his reign, particularly in advancing higher education and empowering youth.

Irbid University College Hosts Vocational and Technical Education Open Day

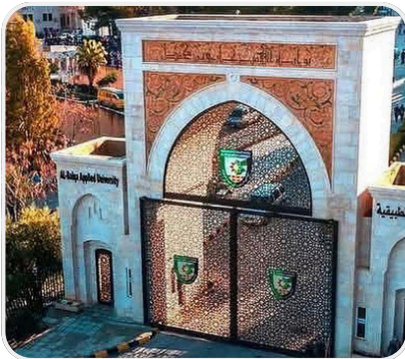


Irbid University College hosted its second open day on vocational and technical education, organized by the University's Learning and Teaching Technology Center. The program included an awareness lecture by the Ministry of Education's Vocational Guidance Department on the implementation of BTEC pathways in schools, enrollment procedures, and future opportunities. United Educational Production Company also screened informational films on vocational education using virtual reality technology.



Vice President Inspects Comprehensive Exam Proceedings

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Zaid Al-Anbar inspected the winter 2026 associate degree Comprehensive Theoretical Exam at the University's main center. Students reported satisfaction with the process and the smooth conduct of proceedings.



Faculty Training Workshops Launched for New Technical Curricula

BAU launched workshops in life and work skills, entrepreneurship, digital skills, and AI applications to prepare faculty for new courses introduced into technical diploma programs beginning in 2025/2026. The initiative is a joint effort of the Technical Education Support Office and the Learning and Teaching Technology Center.



DIGIWAVE International Workshop Concludes at BAU

Al-Balqa Applied University hosted the DIGIWAVE International Workshop, titled "Co-designing the Official Training Program," with participation from project partners, international experts, and representatives of academic and development institutions across the Mediterranean. The workshop focused on designing the project's official training program through interactive sessions on digital skills development, women's inclusion in the digital economy, and innovative training programs responsive to regional labor market needs



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BAU Represented at Erasmus+ ENG-INC Kickoff in Germany

Dr. Tariq Al-Azab represented BAU at the ENG-INC Erasmus+ project launch at Kempten University of Applied Sciences. The project aims to enhance engineering graduates' employability and build sustainable international academic partnerships in applied engineering education.



Faculty of Nursing Contributes to Salt International Medical Conference

Faculty of Nursing members participated in the Sixth Salt International Medical Conference (29–31 January 2026), contributing to discussions on rare medical cases across scientific and professional sessions.



Montessori Training Course Held at Princess Alia University College

Twenty-nine undergraduate students completed a Level Two course in Montessori educational philosophy, focusing on teaching methods, critical and creative thinking, and classroom management techniques.



Department Head Development Course Concludes

The National Center for Training of Trainers completed a course for administrative department heads from northern region colleges, covering leadership, strategic planning, decision-making, and performance monitoring.



Soft Skills Workshop Highlights Career Readiness

The Innovation and Creativity Center hosted "Beyond the Degree: How Soft Skills Accelerate Your Career," a workshop on translating academic knowledge into professional success through communication and interpersonal skills.



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Vice President Explores Technology Partnership with ASSA Global

Vice President Dr. Khaled Nasser Al-Zoubi met with ASSA Global to discuss cooperation in technology, specialized training, and joint technical projects as part of the University's digital transformation strategy.

"Level Up: The Future of Gaming" Event Held with U.S. Embassy

The Innovation and Creativity Center partnered with the U.S. Embassy to host "Level Up: The Future of Gaming," featuring global expert Mike Fisher. The event included a seminar and hands-on workshop for students in gaming disciplines.





BAU Students Win First Place Globally in Orange Summer Challenge

A student team from Al-Balqa Applied University won first place worldwide in the Orange Summer Challenge with their project SafeGuard. President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni praised the achievement as a testament to the University's commitment to applied education, innovation, and entrepreneurship. SafeGuard is a smart wearable device designed to enhance safety in hazardous work environments through real-time vital sign monitoring, toxic gas detection, fall detection, and automated emergency alerts.



BAU Delegation Attends Erasmus BASE Project Meeting in Barcelona

A University delegation joined the Erasmus BASE project meeting at the University of Barcelona, focused on curriculum development, academic quality enhancement, and aligning programs with European accreditation standards under the Bologna Process.



Legal Awareness Session Supports Private Education Workers

Ma'an University College hosted a legal awareness session for women working in the private education sector in Ma'an Governorate. Organized by the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions in partnership with the International Labor Organization, the session covered key labor rights under Jordanian labor and social security law, including employment contracts, minimum wage, working hours, overtime, leave entitlements, collective agreements, and workplace protections under ILO Convention No. 190 on violence and harassment.



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Faculty of Medicine Hosts Lecture on Medical Licensing

Under the patronage of Dr. Shadi Hammouri, Vice President for Medical College Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty collaborated with Al-Hussein Salt Hospital to organize an introductory lecture on procedures for issuing and renewing medical practice certificates. Dr. Hammouri underscored the importance of linking Continuing Professional Development to the granting and renewal of practice licenses, describing it as essential to raising the competence of medical professionals and ensuring safe practice in line with the Medical Accountability Law.

Open Day Showcases Vocational and Technical Education Pathways

Princess Alia University College held an open day on vocational and technical education (BTEC), organized by the Learning and Teaching Technology Center. The event attracted wide attendance from local community members, Amman education directorates, ninth-grade students, parents, and private schools. Vice President Dr. Zaid Al-Anbar opened proceedings, highlighting the University's role in developing specialized programs that complement BTEC pathways and its extensive presence across Jordan's governorates to ensure equitable access to technical and vocational education.





Arabic Lexicon Workshop Concludes at BAU

The Language Center concluded the Arabic Lexicon Workshop — Build Your Lexicon, part of the University's efforts to expand international and regional partnerships. The workshop equipped participants with practical strategies for building a personal lexicon, reinforcing vocabulary retention, and activating new terms in everyday communication through an interactive online training environment.

Princess Rahma University College Meets with QuestScope for Social Development



Princess Rahma University College held an awareness session in collaboration with QuestScope for Social Development to introduce the social work licensure system and its requirements. Dean Dr. Munther Al-Sweilmeen noted that such initiatives reflect President Al-Ajlouni's directives to expand partnerships with national institutions and strengthen applied training, ensuring that educational outcomes align with labor market needs and enhance students' professional readiness.

Zarqa University College Hosts Ramadan Lecture



Zarqa University College organized a lecture titled "Making the Most of Ramadan," delivered by Dr. Adel Al-Lasasmeh, Head of the Department of Basic and Applied Sciences. The lecture addressed the virtues of the holy month and the importance of dedicating it to worship, self-reflection, and spiritual renewal.



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BAU Delivers Community Lecture on Antibiotic Misuse

The Community Development and Service Unit organized an awareness lecture on the harmful effects of antibiotic misuse at the Adi bin Hatim Al-Ta'i Charitable Society. Dr. Randa Rahahleh of Zarqa University College discussed how antibiotics work, common patterns of misuse, and the role of families in safeguarding against antibiotic-related harm.

Anti-Narcotics Training Course Held at BAU

The Community Development and Service Unit, in cooperation with the Public Security Directorate's Anti-Narcotics Department, organized a training course titled "Drug Prevention Advocates" for University staff. Captain Awn Al-Sarhan presented an overview of drug types, their chemical compositions, the physical and social effects of addiction, and the legal penalties for users, addicts, and traffickers.





BAU Organizes Cyberbullying Awareness Lecture at Local School

The Community Development and Service Unit /The Community Programs and Service Department organized an awareness lecture on digital violence at Maymounah bint Al-Harith Secondary School for Girls. Presenter Uhoud Al-Sulaibi outlined the most prevalent forms of digital violence, including cyberbullying, extortion, digital harassment, and identity theft, and discussed prevention and response strategies.



BAU Hosts Ramadan Lecture at Al-Salt Community Schools

The Community Development and Service Unit, in collaboration with Salt College for Humanities, organized a lecture titled “Ramadan Reflections” at Al-Salt Community Schools. Dr. Iman Al-Ghananim of Salt College for Humanities discussed how to welcome the holy month, its virtues, and the importance of time management in devoting the season to worship.

Youth Innovation Club Holds Expanded Meeting

The Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship Center organized an expanded meeting of the Youth Innovation Club at the Darat Youth Spaces. Dr. Murad Al-Adous, Director of the Center, emphasized the Club’s role in empowering students and developing their innovation and entrepreneurship skills, and praised members’ achievements during the third season of the Project 2 Market competition.





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Faculty of Technological Engineering Honors Retired Military Colleagues

Dean Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Shuqairat of the Faculty of Technological Engineering honored a group of retired military colleagues on the occasion of Veterans' and Military Retirees' Appreciation Day. In his address, the Dean expressed the Faculty's pride in the service and sacrifice of all military retirees, describing the occasion as an embodiment of the values of loyalty and gratitude toward those who safeguarded the nation's security and stability.

BAU Participates in Golden Hills Schools University Fair



Representatives from BAU's Admissions and Registration Unit participated in the University Fair organized by Golden Hills Schools. The team presented the University's mission of delivering technical and applied education across the Kingdom's governorates and its role in preparing qualified graduates who meet labor market demands.



Career Up Program Introduced at Ajloun University College

Ajloun University College hosted a career guidance session introducing the Career Up professional development program to students and graduates. Dean Dr. Wael Al-Rabdi emphasized the importance of ongoing training and guidance programs that equip students and graduates with the life and professional skills needed to compete in today's job market.



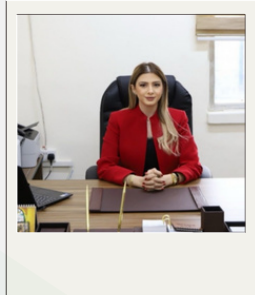
Faculty of Medicine Organizes Tree-Planting Event for World Tree Day

Under the patronage of Dr. Shadi Hammouri, Vice President for Medical College Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty organized a tree-planting event in its new garden to mark World Tree Day. The initiative reflected the University's commitment to environmental stewardship, the expansion of green spaces, and building a more sustainable future for generations to come.

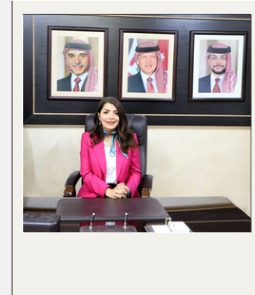


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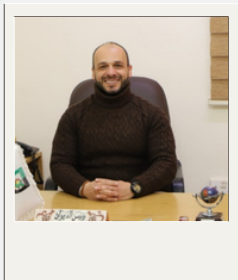
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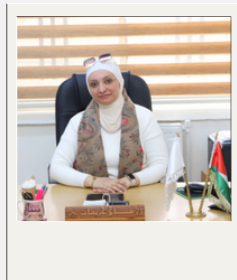
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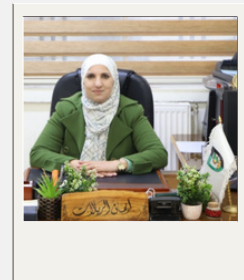
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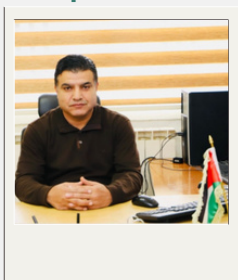
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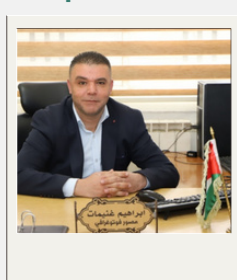
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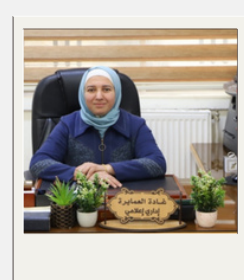
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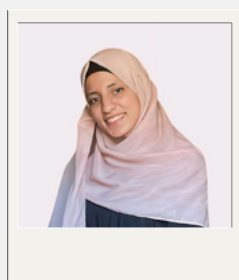
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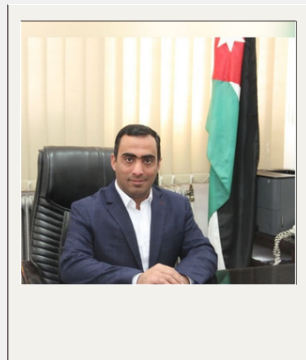


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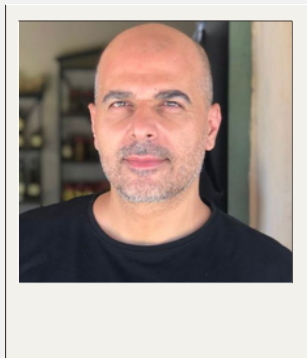


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