



## UOD Commemorates the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Badinan Anfal**

The **University of Duhok** commemorated the **38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Badinan Anfal crime** on August 26, 2026, in a ceremony held at the University Convention Center under the auspices of the Governor of Duhok, Dr. Ali Tatar. Organized by the [Center for Genocide Studies](#) in coordination with the General Directorate of Martyrs and Anfal Affairs in Duhok, the event honored the victims and reaffirmed the importance of preserving the memory of one of the darkest chapters in Kurdish history.

The ceremony brought together victims' families, government and university officials, representatives,

and members of the community. A documentary, special panel, and testimonies highlighted the stages and impact of the Anfal operations, including the destruction of **488 villages** and the chemical attacks carried out by the Ba'ath regime. The University reaffirmed its academic and national responsibility to document these crimes, preserve historical memory, and contribute to raising local and international awareness. At the ceremony, DNA results for **seven victims' remains** were also returned to their families. [Read more..](#)

## *Beyond the Borders:* UOD Students Connect with the World

The **University of Duhok** is taking its students **beyond the classroom and into the global academic community**, opening new pathways for international exchange, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration. At the **Global Green Sustainable Development Seminar in China**, Master's student **Sherwan Salih Ramadhan** joined participants from around the world to exchange perspectives on sustainability and learn from international practices. His experience adds a global dimension to his academic journey while strengthening UOD's connection with international networks and bringing new knowledge and perspectives back to the University. [Read more..](#)



## UOD Mathematician Publishes High-Impact Study on Optical Solitons

[Muhammad AminSadiq Murad](#) from the [Department of Mathematics, College of Science](#), University of Duhok, has led an international research team in publishing the paper "[Optical Soliton Solution for Dual-Mode Time-Fractional Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation by Generalized Exponential Rational Function Method](#)" in [Results in Engineering](#) (Impact Factor 7.9), an Elsevier open-access journal, on 13 June 2025. Conducted with collaborators from Soran University (Kurdistan Region, Iraq), Saudi Arabia, India, and Egypt, the research introduces new analytical solutions for the dual-mode time-fractional nonlinear Schrödinger equation, advancing the understanding of optical solitons.

The study demonstrates how fractional-order dynamics can precisely control wave stability and reduce signal dispersion, improving the transmission of information through optical fiber networks. These findings have promising applications in next-generation telecommunications, nonlinear optics, quantum technologies, and advanced engineering systems, while providing a valuable mathematical foundation for future research on complex wave phenomena. [Read more..](#)

## From the **President | Issue 03**

### *A New Academic Year: A Shared Responsibility for Progress*

At the beginning of the 2026–2027 academic year, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all academic and administrative staff and students of the University of Duhok. I hope this will be a year of cooperation, success and new achievements for our entire University community. A new academic year is more than the beginning of classes; it is an opportunity to evaluate our work, renew our objectives and take further steps towards progress.

Over recent years, through the collective efforts of our University community, the University of Duhok has made significant progress in strengthening institutional governance, improving the quality of teaching and learning, placing students at the centre of the educational process, advancing research and innovation, and promoting digital transformation. These achievements are the product of cooperation, commitment and a shared sense of responsibility.

During this academic year, we must preserve these achievements and build upon them. We must make quality part of our everyday institutional culture, connect research more closely with the needs of society, and create greater opportunities for innovation and the responsible use of new technologies. Progress cannot be achieved through plans and decisions alone; it requires implementation, evaluation and the active participation of every member of our community.

The role of our academic staff extends beyond transmitting knowledge. It includes helping students develop critical thinking, practical skills, creativity and responsibility. Likewise, our administrative staff play a fundamental role in creating an efficient, well-organised and supportive environment. The success of the academic year therefore depends upon close cooperation between our academic and administrative staff and the active participation of our students.

Our students should recognise that knowledge and skills are equally important in preparing for their future and entering the world of work. They should begin now to consider what they want to do after graduation and prepare themselves by developing their knowledge, skills, experience and character. I especially invite our student representatives to play a more active role in the University's academic and social life and in communicating the voices and needs of their fellow students. They will continue to receive our full support. Let this be a year in which each of us contributes to building a stronger University and a better future for our students and society.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dawood S. Atrushi**

President, University of Duhok  
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## UOD Joins Ecosia's Global Environmental Campaign



The University of Duhok has joined [Ecosia's](https://www.ecosia.co) global environmental campaign, turning everyday online searches into action for a greener planet. Join UOD in making a difference—download the Ecosia app and start searching! Every 45 searches can contribute to planting a tree. [Read more..](https://www.ecosia.co)

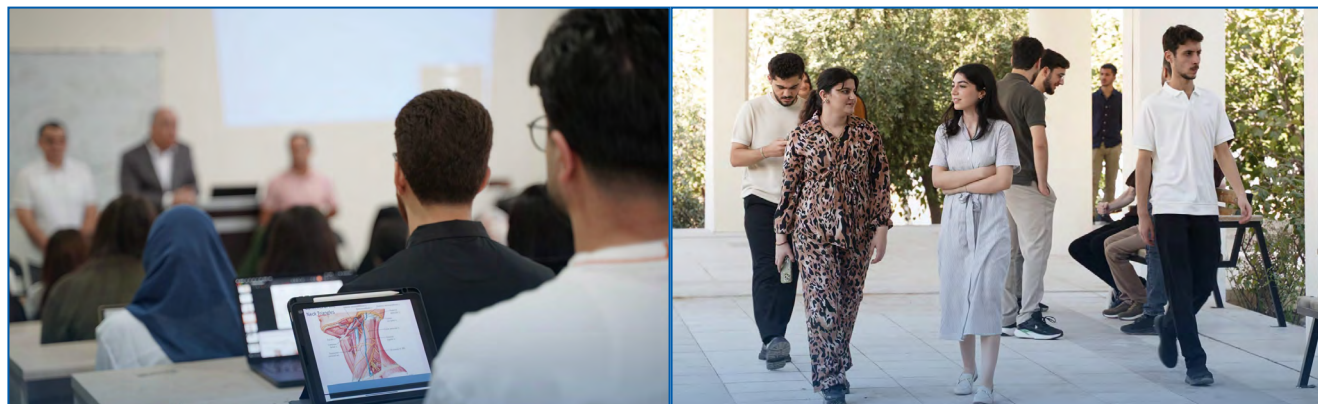
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## UOD in Action:

### UOD Takes Action to Implement Kurdish Orthography Guide



The University of Duhok is taking an active role in moving the Kurdish Language Orthography Guide – Kurmanji Dialect in Arabic Script from development to practical implementation. Following the formation of the Higher Committee in February 2025, UOD has continued coordinating with the University of Zakho, Duhok Governorate, and relevant governmental, educational, media, and cultural institutions. At a recent meeting, practical mechanisms were discussed for applying the guide in official documents, correspondence, education, media, and public institutions. As the next step, two specialized committees will be established to follow up on implementation and coordinate the upcoming stages, translating the guide's academic foundations into practice. [Read more..](https://www.uod.ac)



## UOD Welcomes the New Academic Year 2026–2027

Following weeks of **preparations, administrative procedures, leadership meetings, and campus planning**, the **University of Duhok** has **officially entered the 2026–2027 academic year**, welcoming students back to campus and opening a new chapter of **learning, research, and academic life**.

### → Strengthening Leadership Skills for KRG and Iraqi Parliament Staff at UOD

The American Corner at the University of Duhok hosted a three-day training programme for 26 staff members from the Kurdistan Regional Government and Iraqi Parliament Offices. The programme strengthened practical skills in leadership, communication, decision-making, teamwork, and workplace management, reinforcing UOD's role in professional capacity building and strengthening connections between the University and public-sector institutions. [Read more..](https://www.uod.ac)

### Building Stronger Families: UOD and ASA NGO Engage Youth in Family Awareness

The Political and Legal Research Center at the College of Law, in cooperation with ASA NGO for Legal and Social Development, concluded a three-day course on "Strengthening Family Culture – Family Preparation." The programme engaged young participants in discussions on the legal, social, and religious dimensions of marriage, aiming to strengthen awareness of family rights and responsibilities and support healthier family life through meaningful community engagement. [Read more..](https://www.uod.ac)

### UOD Student Secures Third Place at Amedi International Marathon

University of Duhok student Rena Barakat secured third place in the women's category at the Amedi International Marathon, competing among around 700 participants from the Kurdistan Region, Iraq, and the wider Middle East. The achievement highlights UOD students' sporting talent and the University's commitment to student development, physical well-being, and an active university community. [Read more..](https://www.uod.ac)

### Future Healthcare Leaders Gather at UOD for National Medical Students' Assembly

The University of Duhok hosted the 16th National Assembly of IFMSA-Kurdistan, bringing together around 200 medical students and young health advocates from across the Kurdistan Region and beyond. The five-day programme featured training, workshops, research, leadership, and networking activities, while UOD President Dr. Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi emphasized the importance of combining medical knowledge and technology with empathy, integrity, and humanity in preparing the doctors of the future. [Read more..](https://www.uod.ac)

### Pedagogical Training Courses Conclude After Six Months

The University of Duhok concluded its 28th and 29th Pedagogical Training Courses after six months of training, with 61 faculty members and researchers participating. The closing ceremony highlighted the importance of continuous pedagogical development in strengthening academic and teaching competencies and improving the quality of the learning process. Certificates were presented to participants in recognition of their successful completion.

### Students Gain Regional Experience Through Arab Universities Exchange

As part of its international activities, the University of Duhok launched a summer student exchange programme following the participation of Dr. Nabaz Ibraheem Mohammed, Vice President for Student Affairs, in a meeting of the Association of Arab Universities in Egypt. Ten UOD students from different colleges were sent to universities in Egypt, Jordan, and Oman for three weeks of practical summer training and academic exchange, while five students from Egypt and Jordan joined UOD for field training. The programme strengthens academic and cultural connections and expands opportunities for student mobility across the region.