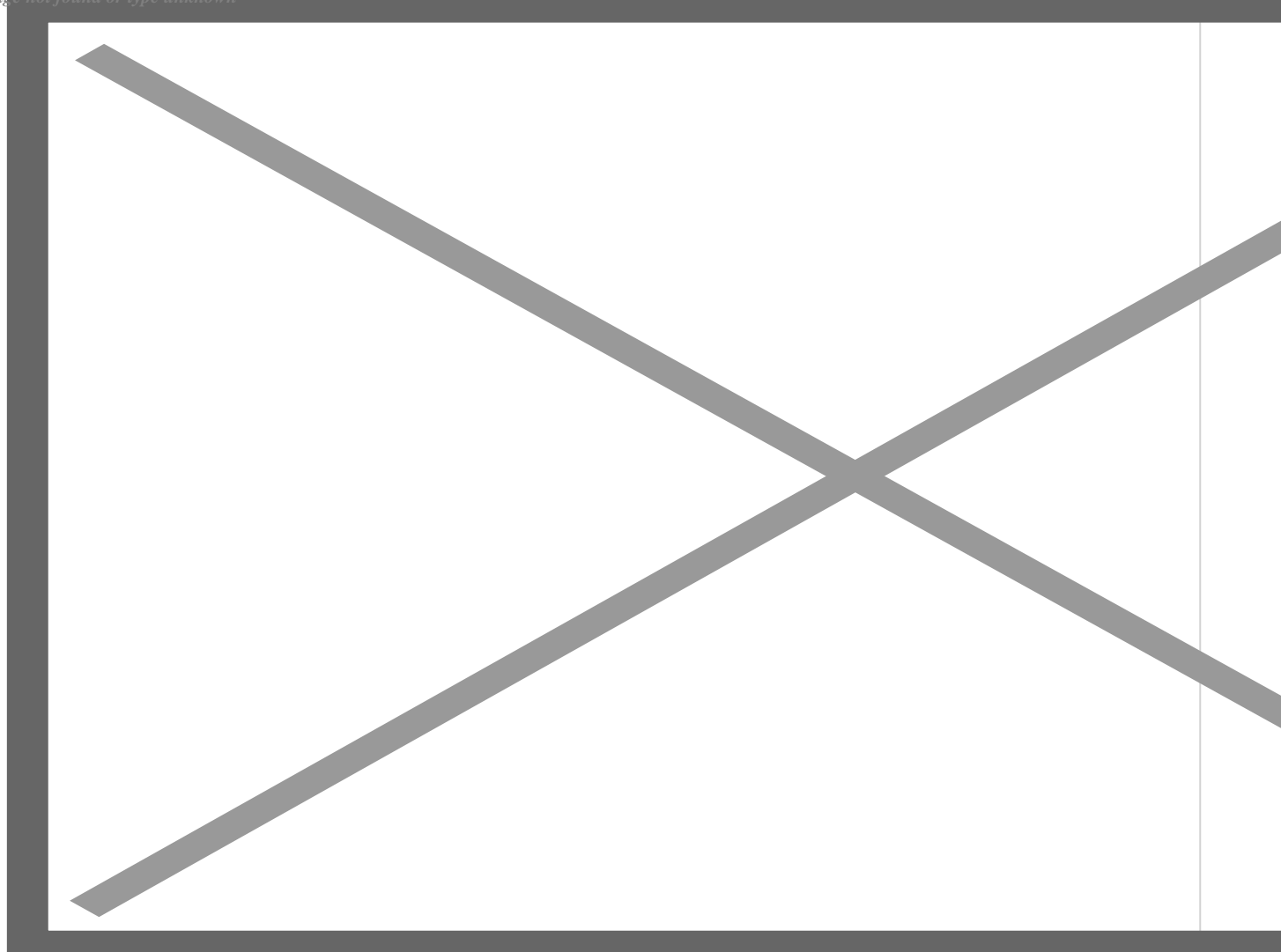


Second Iranian university offers scholarships to expelled students in U.S., Europe

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Shahid Beheshti University is a public research university in Tehran, offering many programs at

Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D levels.

Tehran, May 3 (RHC)-- The second Iranian university has offered scholarships to students in the U.S. and Europe who have been expelled for taking part in pro-Palestinian demonstrations on campuses.

Seyed Mahmoud Aghamiri, dean of Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran, on Thursday extended his proposal to those protesting Israel's genocide in Gaza, following the intensified crackdown on demonstrators across the United States.

It came after Shiraz University became the first academic center to offer students and even professors who have been expelled or threatened with expulsion in the US to continue their studies at the prestigious school in Iran.

"We accept students who have been expelled from European and American universities for protesting against the actions of the Zionists," Aghamiri said. "We have considered scholarship for these students and we fully cover the cost of education, dormitory and accommodation."

The university, Aghamiri said, also provides "special support to Palestinian students whose lives have been affected" as a result of the Israeli aggression.

U.S. and European students have been facing arrest or expulsion following their actions in support of a ceasefire in Gaza and the divestment of their universities from companies which support Israel.

Demonstrators have gathered on at least 30 U.S. university campuses since last month, often erecting tent camps to protest the Israeli genocide in the Gaza Strip. University campuses in Australia, Canada, France, Italy and the UK have also been the scene of pro-Palestinian protests.

On Thursday, students at campuses across the UK set up encampments demanding that their academic institutions divest from companies involved in the arms trade to Israel.

Around 100 pro-Palestinian students occupied the entrance hall of a building of the University of Lausanne (UNIL) in Switzerland, demanding an academic boycott of Israeli institutions and an immediate and permanent ceasefire to the war in Gaza.

In the United States, hundreds of helmeted police swarmed the site of a pro-Palestinian protest at the University of California at Los Angeles, firing flashbang grenades, arresting demonstrators and dismantling their encampment.

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