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Dear AUB Community,

The University condemns in the strongest possible terms the acts of anger and violence that took place within and outside its campus yesterday. What started as a conventional student political and cultural event was used to exercise acts of unwelcome unrest that are against our mission and the values we teach at AUB.

AUB supports the freedom of expression of all students, and commits to provide an atmosphere that encourages and celebrates diverse political and cultural perspectives, something it has proudly done for generations.

We thank all of our students for their composure and their efforts to try to contain their enthusiasm and energy in the best interests of their colleagues and the University.

It must remain clear to our community and should be to all others that the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our utmost priority. The University will take all steps necessary to get to the facts surrounding this unpleasant incident and will take appropriate measures once this is complete.

Best regards,

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President