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## **GHI at AUB signs agreement with Arab universities** **for Certificate in Conflict Medicine scholarships**

The Global Health Institute (GHI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) launched the Certificate in Conflict Medicine, which focuses, in a contextualized manner, on how medical care and research can be shaped and undertaken in settings of conflict and fragility. The event also marked the signing of a collaborative agreement to offer full certificate scholarships to three leading universities in Yemen, Palestine, and Iraq.

The signing ceremony was held at AUB in the presence of Dr. Zaher Dawy, AUB provost, Dr. Shadi Saleh, GHI founding director, Dr. Abdulhakim Al-Tamim, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Aden in Yemen, Dr. Moamin Junaid Salim, interim dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Ninevah University in Iraq, Dr. Fadel Naim, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Islamic University of Gaza in Palestine who joined remotely, Dr. Zahi Abdul Sater, programs division manager at GHI, and GHI team members.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Shadi Saleh welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of this landmark capacity building initiative, especially to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, which is plagued by recurrent conflicts. The invited deans from Iraq, Yemen, and Palestine stressed that this initiative is key in addressing the capacity needs and gaps around conflict medicine in medical institutions and healthcare systems in the MENA region.

The online Certificate in Conflict Medicine was developed by the Global Health Institute at AUB, in partnership with R4HC Consortium. It constitutes of four courses, 30 hours each, for a total of 120 hours of learning. Benefitting from this program can be medical and nursing students, medical trainees, medical practitioners, nurses, and/or other allied health professionals.

For more information about the Conflict Medicine Program (CMP) at the Global Health Institute visit <https://ghi.aub.edu.lb/cmp/>

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Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 900 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 9,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 140 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 365-bed hospital.

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