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## **AUB to celebrate no smoking indoors with an array of outdoor activities in the Hamra neighborhood**

Beirut, Lebanon- 28/08/2012 - To mark September 3, 2012, the day when Law 174 for banning smoking in indoor public places will be officially implemented, the AUB Tobacco Control Research Group, Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service, and Neighborhood Initiative have planned an evening of live street entertainment, fun activities, and many surprises.

The entertainment-filled evening will take place on Monday September 3, starting from 7pm in the Hamra neighborhood to encourage visitors to the area to enjoy their first smoke-free outing in neighborhood restaurants, cafes, and pubs.

The event is held under the slogan, “Fee Shee Barra, Fee Shee Juwwa,” or “There are some things [allowed] inside and others outside.”

Law 174 which was passed last year calls for banning smoking in indoor public places at risk of receiving LL135,000 in individual fines or at least LL1.35 million in fines for establishments and taxi-cab drivers/owners. The law also regulates smoking advertisements and tobacco packaging, and applies to nargileh smoking.

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**Note to Editors**

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