



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear members of the AUB community,

We are saddened and dismayed at the worsening cycle of violence and death that is taking place before our eyes. We are closely monitoring the security situation in Lebanon (and the region) and will keep you updated should we determine that additional measures need to be taken. The safety, health, and wellbeing of our community have always been our paramount concerns. Many in the AUB community, particularly our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends may have family who are now in harm's way, and have a far more acute need for our support.

For regular updates, please check our AUB [Emergency Preparedness](#) website. We encourage those who are directly affected by the recent events and who find themselves in need of help to reach out to the support services that are available to all members of the AUB community, including those available through the [Student Counseling Center](#) (*Office of Student Affairs, West Hall, Room 210*), [University Health Services](#) (*AUBMC, Sawwaf Bldg., ext. 3000*), the Employee Assistance Program (*AUBMC, Sawwaf Bldg., ext. 3002*) as well as the [Office of International Programs](#) (*West Hall, Room 320, ext. 3176, hotline: +96181829532*).

The American University of Beirut is an institution that heals, educates and empowers like few others have done in the world. We have exemplified this for 157 years, keeping the wellbeing of present and future generations as our overarching goal. Over many decades, we have brought together people of different backgrounds, religions, genders, races, and ethnicities and established a track record for overcoming fear of the other. We, at AUB, oppose violence and oppression in all their manifestations, convinced as we are that violence has never led to the betterment of humanity. History has shown that durable peace is built on a foundation of empathy, justice and equality, where all people, without exception, are allowed to live in dignity.

Best regards,

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