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Dear colleagues,

We have been following with grave concern the overwhelming, tragic events unfolding before us and recognize their deep impact on the wellbeing of our community. We continue to work for peace and justice and, as [President Khuri's message](#) on October 11 highlighted, we are unified in our support for our community members.

We are closely monitoring the situation and the publicly available information from different sources. While it is impossible to know the direction of events, the university has put mechanisms in place to protect the safety of students, faculty, and staff, and to ensure the continuation of our mission.

The American University of Beirut, as always, is committed to sustaining its mission including offering in-person classes, maintaining research and outreach activities, and hosting on-campus events. In these exceptionally difficult times, your presence and engagement are of critical importance. For further questions or clarifications, please contact hr@aub.edu.lb.

Please know that your safety and wellbeing remain our top priorities. We will communicate with you as the situation unfolds. Earlier this month, we have reactivated meetings with staff and started [EveryThink Counts](#) - an open forum to share ideas, feelings, and everything in between, and it should enable us to discuss the situation further and address related questions.

Despite many challenges, the staff of the American University of Beirut have managed to navigate with determination and courage similar exceptional and uncertain situations in the past, and we are confident that this time will be no different.

Sincerely,

Mary Jaber Nachar
Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
