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The American University of Beirut—Deeply rooted and staying in Beirut

Statement by AUB Office of Communications:

We are aware of today's article in Al Joumhouria newspaper (Friday, January 29, 2021) entitled "The American University [of Beirut] is seriously considering shutting down."

The Office of Communications wishes to deny, in full and in detail, all allegations contained within this article and similar articles written in recent days, which have no basis in reality. We recommend that journalists intending to write on the subject of AUB should contact its Office of Communications to clarify such matters before going to print.

The university reasserts that it has been located in Beirut and in Lebanon since 1866 to serve the peoples of Lebanon and the region. Its mission is higher education and equipping students to enter society to effect positive change, so that Lebanon and all the region's peoples can "have life and have it more abundantly."

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About AUB

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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