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AUB celebrates Flag Day by promoting unity and the University's core values

Beirut, Lebanon- 21/11/2012 -The American University of Beirut celebrated Flag Day on the eve of Independence Day during a noon-time gathering outside West Hall, where the Lebanese flag was raised by Student Affairs Dean Talal Nizameddin and students and staff sang the national anthem, led by a Lebanese Army music band.

“During these difficult times in the region, we are proudly gathered here on this special national occasion that brings us all closer together,” Nizameddin told a large crowd of students gathered outside West Hall. “Let us re-affirm our commitment under the cedar to keep this country safe from harm and equally to maintain the fine reputation of AUB as a role model of higher education not only in the region but the world. You have the power to make this region a better place in the future.”

Nizameddin also reminded students that they share the same challenges and also the same destiny. “Let us never forget that what brings us together is far more important than what drives us apart,” he said. “We are united by our love for this great university; we are united by our desire to succeed whether academically or in our future careers; we are united by our desire for friendship, compassion, and love.”

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Note to Editors

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 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the 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 420-bed hospital.

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