

October 7th 2023

Dear Bar Ilan community

We woke up this morning to a difficult day and the challenging reality of live combat. We must come together to support our security forces and the residents of the south.

In light of the events taking place and in accordance with the directives of the Home Front Command, tomorrow Sunday 8.10.2023 the university will work in Shabbat mode; that is, there will be no studies, exams or open laboratories. Work on campus will be limited, with only essential services provided - such as certain experimental laboratories- in advance coordination with the Vice President for Research.

The directive to the rest of the employees is to work from home, similar to what was done during the Corona period, in coordination with direct managers. Detailed instructions will be given later through the Human Resources Department.

The university's main gates will remain open.

Those coming to the campus are required to find out where the nearest technical protected area is located. A document indicating these locations will be sent out shortly. In addition, the locations will be signified with signage on buildings.

We have been in touch since the early hours of the morning with the residents of the dormitories. If there is a resident with whom contact has not yet been established, please reach out to Ms. Shani Maimon by email at shani.dahan@biu.ac.il.

Psychological services for students and the clinic of the department of psychology are preparing an increase in services in order to provide assistance to employees and students who need it. A phone number and a dedicated Zoom link will be published soon.

Along with the military attack, there is also a cyber war taking place. Please operate in accordance with appropriate guidelines; and continue to act responsibly and do not click on unfamiliar links. The university administration is following what is taking place and is in contact with the students, employees and faculty members who are in the line of fire and under attack by rockets and missiles.

We wish a speedy recovery to those injured in body and soul, and bow our heads with sorrow and heavy grief for the fallen - civilians, soldiers and soldiers.

With prayer for the peace of our soldiers and citizens of the country in all sectors, we wish for better days.

The university administration