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Dear Bar-Ilan Community,

In the current state of emergency of the Swords of Iron War, in which Bar-Ilan is committed to getting through this difficult time together, we have been aiming and acting to preserve the fabric of life here, and to ascertain that Bar-Ilan is a safe place for everyone, as an institution that alongside providing higher education, also educates toward ethics and human values.

In such times, conflicts and tensions do arise, sometimes manifested in relations within the student population and in expressions on social media. As an academic institution, it is important to us that all bodies and all people associated with the university express themselves within set limits. We will not tolerate any form of support for terror, incitement or racism.

Statements expressing identification with terror organizations or incitement toward terror or racism are prohibited by law. Any such statements on the part of students, faculty, employees or other members of the Bar-Ilan community, at any location, any medium or any platform – including social media and WhatsApp chats – harm the sense of security of Bar-Ilan community members and the fabric of university life, and also constitute a disciplinary violation, especially at this time.

Based on information that has been brought to our attention, the Bar-Ilan University administration has decided to establish a committee chaired by the Rector of Bar-Ilan, to examine expressions of identification with terror, incitement or racism, in any media or platform, by members of the Bar-Ilan community.

Committee members include academic, security and legal personnel.  
The committee is to be assisted by ad-hoc advisors who are experts in the field.

**Committee responsibilities:**

1. To receive complaints in this area.
2. To examine the complaints and assess their severity and whether sufficient evidence exists.
3. To decide whether to refer these complaints to relevant authorities within Bar-Ilan University or external to it.
4. Under circumstances deemed necessary, the committee is authorized to suspend the suspected offender until brought before the Bar-Ilan Disciplinary Committee.
5. The committee shall inform law enforcement agencies, where necessary, in accordance with the law and guidelines on this matter.

Any request for inquiry or complaint is to be sent via email to the rector's office at [Rector.Office@biu.ac.il](mailto:Rector.Office@biu.ac.il).

With prayers for peaceful times.

Sincerely,

Prof. Amnon Albeck  
Rector