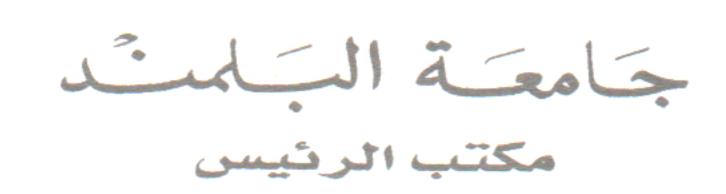
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To:

Medical Students, Colleagues and Staff members at FOM and FHS, and all

the Medical Team at Saint George Hospital University Medical Center

From:

The President

7 August 2020

I wish I was able to address you in joyful words, to talk about a promising future at the start of the new academic year. Unfortunately, we are going from one disaster to another, and from one challenge to the next.

First, I would like to express my deep sympathy to our students, residents, attending physicians, nurses, and all the medical staff, who have suffered physical and emotional injuries, and to those who lost loved ones, as a result of this apocalyptic catastrophe. However, no matter how gloomy and devastating is the hardship we are going through, we will resist, persist and fulfill our mission; a mission defined through education and refined through ethics and morality. This mission will never perish, and definitely will never change.

In view of this unprecedented damage to our beloved Saint George Hospital, we have to hold hands and maintain a unanimous effort to sustain our academic program along with delivering the humanitarian support to our people.

Rest assured that we will work relentlessly to keep the functionality of our medical programs even if it is temporarily disrupted due to the destruction inflicted on the premises of SGH.

Stay Safe and May God bless you all.

Elias L. Warrak

President