



The Lowy Quarterly

News & updates from TAU's global home. Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

Dear Lowy International Community,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. Thank you for your ongoing support and concern; it continues to mean a great deal to our team, as well as to our international students and researchers – whose safety and wellbeing remain our priority.

Today, we write with some key updates:

University Status

- Tel Aviv University's **academic year will end one week early** on Wednesday, June 25. Course materials will be reduced accordingly.
- Remaining instruction** will take place remotely via Zoom for the remainder of the week and until further notice. All classes will be recorded and uploaded to course websites. Attendance is not mandatory.
- In-person instruction, laboratory work and training sessions will only resume once deemed safe by [Home Front Command](#).
- All **campus shelters** are open and accessible.

Possibilities for Leaving

- Foreign nationals** wishing to leave and who haven't yet done so should contact their embassies in Israel.
- Real time **status updates on Ben Gurion Airport** are available via the Israel Airports Authority.
- The Lowy School has received inquiries about **leaving Israel via land border crossings**. We are currently looking into effective options for leaving that prioritize safety.

Secure Areas/Shelters

- Our **Lowy community leaders remain in close contact day and night** with international students and researchers, including during times when sheltering is required.
- Being in a protected space saves lives.** During a siren, leave the shelter door open briefly so others can enter quickly. Once the siren alert ends, close the door(s) and/or window(s) to keep the shelter secure. Please wait in the protected space until you receive further notice from Home Front Command.
- Anyone in our community **living off campus** and worried about their secure area options should email housing@tauex.tau.ac.il. We will do our best to find a solution.

Public Transportation

- If essential, there are some **train and bus services** available. Those in our international community should contact their Lowy community leader for more information.

Health and Wellbeing Services

- Health services** are available. Should your loved ones have health concerns, please have them contact their Lowy community leader directly about next steps.
- A 24/7, **English-language emotional support line** (ERAN) is currently available: 076-884-4492.
- Our Lowy educational counsellor, Efrat, is also available for **personal support**, for anyone feeling overwhelmed or anxious: lowycounsel@tauex.tau.ac.il.
- Confidential, AI-powered **emotional support** can be accessed **via WhatsApp** (free and available 24/7): +972-54-888-4855.

Staying Updated

- While our **website** is intermittently offline outside of Israel (as a precautionary measure), it remains fully accessible within the country (this is also the case with other Israeli websites). Our primary Lowy pages for staying updated are:
 - [Important Campus Updates](#)
 - [Security FAQ](#)
- We have launched a **Lowy Family Briefing Group on WhatsApp** for parents and loved ones. Should you wish to join, please contact a representative at The Lowy School.
- We will also do our best to provide updates via our **social media sites** (you can find the links at the bottom of this newsletter).

Join a Live Discussion

- At 8 pm Israel Time, a **live discussion on the Iran-Israel War**, led by Dr. Brandon Friedman from the Moshe Dayan Center, will explain what is happening between Iran and Israel, why now and what might come next. Introductions are from Prof. Milette Shamir, the vice president of international affairs at Tel Aviv University. [You are welcome to register and join the Zoom session \(on a first come, first served basis\)](#).

With care, solidarity and many thanks,
The Lowy Team

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