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### **"WE MUST STOP NOW, WE MUST LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF NATURE"**

Referring to the studies carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University on sustainability and zero waste, University Climate Ambassador Burcu Sahingozlu said, "Strangely, rather than harnessing the energy for the benefit of civilization, we would rather harm one another when we discover technology that can even disintegrate atom. Even though we have access to limitless resources like the sun and wind, we continue to consume fossil fuels, which is destroying our forests, oceans, and atmosphere. We must stop now, we must listen to the voice of nature."

### **"UNIVERSITIES ARE THE INTERSECTION OF ALL SCIENCES"**

Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin, the Rector of IGU, stated that the main goal of Istanbul Gelisim University is to raise individuals who have adopted human, social and universal values, pioneered scientific and technological developments, internalized the values of the society, and had the equipment to represent their country in every international field. Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin, the Rector of IGU, said, "We are achieving significant successes by moving forward with the vision of becoming a Research University. We have 40 thousand registered students. This is an indication that our university is one of the most preferred universities. We are highly ecstatic about this. We have around 6 thousand registered international students and students from 127 countries are studying at IGU. We can say that this is an important contribution to the internationalization goal set by the Council of Higher Education. We are the university with the most international accreditation in Turkey, and our 65 accredited programs are one of the most important issues that we stand out. We aimed at quality in education, training and research and development. We encourage our students to participate in research projects by providing R&D unions with companies through IGU TEKMER and IGU TTO. In addition to technical innovation, we include our

teachers and students working in the social and artistic fields in this ecosystem. So I want to say this; universities are actually the intersection points of all sciences. Therefore, the education-teaching and R&D ecosystem is not only connected to the university. It is a structure that requires cooperation with industry, the public, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. Therefore, if you cannot establish this structure, this ecosystem correctly, you have no chance of developing. In fact, joint cooperation with other universities is crucial for us. We can say that we have efforts in this regard."

**"I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE AMONG THE TOP UNIVERSITIES OF THE WORLD"**

Stating that it is necessary to work together for quality education and quality generation, Abdulkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, said, "We are happy to be among the top 4 foundation universities in Turkey in QS, one of the most respected higher education rating agencies in the world. If we are in unity and solidarity, if we constantly motivate ourselves, if we enable our students to run from success to success, if we show ourselves with academic projects and articles, I sincerely believe that we will be among the world's top universities in a short time."

**"IT IS USED EFFECTIVELY IN ONE OF THE BLOOD CANCER DERIVATIVES"**

The opening lecture of Istanbul Gelisim University 2023-2024 Academic Year Opening Ceremony was given by Prof. Dr. Fikrettin Sahin, Primary Member of TUBA (Turkish Academy of Sciences). Giving a lecture on "The Potential Use of Boron Compounds in Regenerative Medicine", Sahin said, "When we look at the reserves, 73% of boron minerals are in Turkey currently. We are the richest country in the world. If we explain where it is used in the health sector; there is a treatment method called Boron Neutron Capture Therapy. This is a type of radiation therapy used in cancer treatment. Another is Bortezomib, which is used effectively in one of the multiple myeloma, that is, blood cancer derivatives. Apart from this, when we look at its use in the field of health, we see that there is a boron element in the structure of some antibiotics. When we look at the results of scientific studies, we see that boron has positive effects on wound healing, increasing antioxidant enzyme activities in the blood, preventing heavy metal poisoning and activating the immune system. Looking at it now, the globe has generated a large number of commercially available supplement goods. These are especially; products used in arthritis, bone growth problems, some cancer diseases, healing of brain functions, hormone regulator and wound healing."

## **"ISRAEL'S GROUND OFFENSIVE DRAGS THE MIDDLE EAST TO WAR"**

The 8th International Middle East Symposium brought together scholars and researchers from around 40 nations to study social, political, and economic instability in the Middle East. Organized by Istanbul Gelisim University Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Department of Political Science and International Relations, IGUSAM, TUBITAK, TASCA, MOKHA, ODAP and Diplomacy Foundation, the symposium is held on October 24-25-26.

The symposium will conclude with the publication of a final report that attempts to provide some insight into the reasons behind the Middle East's political expectation-uncertainty spiral. The results will also be made into a booklet. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin, who evaluated the Israel-Gaza conflict at the Middle East Symposium, said, "The current conflicts are seen in the Islamic and Arab world and even in the international community between Hamas and Israel. But there is a good chance that these disputes would escalate into a full-scale ground offensive, which would lead to a war between Israel and the Palestinians. This implies a full-scale conflict in the Middle East."

## **THE BEGINNING OF THE 4TH ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin, who evaluated the Israel-Hamas conflicts at the symposium, interpreted October 7 as a turning point in terms of Middle East and Palestinian-Israeli problems. Stating that he sees the attacks as the beginning of the 4th Arab-Israeli conflict if they continue in the medium and long term, Semin said, "Israel has a psychological advantage over the world. This is based on whether or not it initiated the ground offensive. This is the only focus of the world in this regard."

## **"AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE FOR A CEASEFIRE"**

Stating that the humanitarian corridor shows that the war will continue, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Semin said, "The humanitarian corridor means that the war is far from over. Because if you attempt for a ceasefire, this corridor is not needed. The world has three focal points. The humanitarian corridor, the ground offensive and the hostages in the hands of Hamas. However, these do not include stopping the massacre of Gazan civilians as soon as possible. In fact, 34 aid trucks have crossed the Humanitarian corridor so far. However, the number of trucks that the population of Gaza needs per day is one hundred. 22 Arab countries and 57 countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation declare the humanitarian corridor a victory. What needs to be done is to make an attempt for a ceasefire. But what is done is only condemnation."

## "THE UNITED NATIONS HAS COMPLETELY LOST ITS FUNCTION"

Stating that Israel has violated all the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and international law since 1947, Semin said, "Israel does not need any justification to attack Gaza. This is the fifth attack on Gaza from 2005 to 2023. Therefore, the international community, the United Nations, the Arab world, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation were dysfunctional in these conflicts. The United Nations has lost its application function in inspection. It needs a serious reform now."

## "THE RESULT OF THE ISRAELI GROUND OFFENSIVE MEANS A FULL-SCALE MIDDLE EAST WAR"

Noting that the ground offensive will drag the entire Middle East region into war, Semin said, "If the ground offensive takes place, Israel will not only go to war with Gaza, but will also have to fight on three fronts: Gaza in the south, Hezbollah in the north, and Syria in the northeast. If Iran is directly involved, our region will be dragged into a full-scale Middle East war. The current conflicts are seen between Hamas and Israel in the Islamic and Arab world. But there is a good chance that these disputes would escalate into a full-scale ground offensive, which would lead to a war between Israel and the Palestinians. This implies a full-scale conflict in the Middle East."

## ONE OF ISRAEL'S FEARS IS GAZA TUNNELS

Stating that the US has put serious pressure on Israel to prevent the ground offensive, Semin said, "Everyone is on the alert in the Middle East, but no one can predict the outcome of the war. When I look at it from this point of view, I see the possibility of Israel organizing a ground offensive as a distant possibility. But it can be conducted locally. Israel is destroying Gaza with airstrikes. But that's not enough for Israel. Because there are tunnels under Gaza. It is said that there are 500 km of tunnels. One of Israel's fears is these tunnels. It is difficult to control the tunnels even if they control the land."

## "THERE IS A GENOCIDE IN FRONT OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD"

Stating that they are happy to host the symposium with many participants from the Middle East and western countries, Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Sahin said, "The Palestinian people are experiencing a persecution that the world has not seen. This genocide is happening in front of the civilized world. Humanity is undergoing a great test. Human rights, the rules set by the UN, the law of war have been overlooked. Civilians get bombed and slaughtered every four minutes. The Greater Middle East Project is being practiced with these attacks. Our geography is

being reshaped. At this point, we reveal our reaction and condemn those who remain silent. I wish the symposium to be successful and hope for a world order where peace and tranquility prevail."

### **"BEST NARCOTICS POLİCE MOTHER PROJECT" SEMINAR WAS HELD**

Within the scope of the cooperation of Istanbul Gelisim University Anti-Addiction Coordinatorship and Avcılar District Police Department, the "Best Narcotics Police Mother Project" seminar was held.

The "Best Narcotics Police Mother Project" seminar, which was held with the participation of lecturers and students in TUSİ Meeting Hall on 25.10.2023 and organized by Istanbul Gelisim University Anti-Addiction Coordinator, started with Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin's opening speech. Elkin stated that within the scope of the Higher Education Council (YÖK) Presidency Anti-Addiction Action Plan, the Anti-Addiction Coordination Office of our university was established and its aims were to raise awareness of students against addictions, to create the necessary awareness and to provide the necessary counseling in all kinds of questions and problems on this subject to protect them from addictions.

Adding that one of the institutions that the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Presidency cooperates with within the scope of the Anti-Addiction Action Plan is the Ministry of Interior, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin also remarked that the "Best Narcotics Police Mother Project" is also a project of the Ministry of Interior. With this project, he stated that families aim to raise awareness of mothers and expectant mothers about all addictions, especially substance addiction, and to deliver accurate and important information to young people with the narco youth module.

Then, the guest speaker Berivan Dalkılıç, a police officer working in the Drugs and Drug Monitoring Center of the Provincial Police Department Anti-Drug Crimes Branch, made her speech. Dalkılıç defined drugs and explained the risk factors in drug use, the relationship between drug use and addiction with examples and made the issue more remarkable with short films and videos. Then questions and answers were made.

Police Officer Derya Ertürk, who works at Avcılar District Police Department, also answered the questions.

At the end of the event, Istanbul Gelisim University Anti-Addiction Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Nurten Elkin presented a plaque to the speaker Berivan Dalkılıç.



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