

Nurses call for adoption of salary scale

BEIRUT: The Syndicate of Nurses said Wednesday that the new salary scale must be adopted for all nurses. Speaking at a news conference, Dr. Nouhad Doumit said that improving the trade of nurses and their work standards would only help those in their care. “The adoption of the salary scale is a sign of commitment to improving conditions for the work of nurses,” Doumit said. She added that the salary scale would help contribute to the strategic plan “2016-20,” adopted by the Health Ministry. The syndicate stressed that the reality of nursing in Lebanon is a “ticking time bomb,” due to multiple factors such as the low salaries for nurses. “This leads health institutions to resort to foreign labor in violation of Lebanese labor laws, at the expense of quality,” the statement said. Gathered at the group’s headquarters in Sin al-Fil, nurses announced readiness to stage any protests or movements demanding their rights. – *The Daily Star*