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Within the scope of the preparation for the Budget discussion that will take place tomorrow, Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil held two separate meetings. The first with a World Bank delegation headed by WB Regional Director, Saroj Kumar Jha, and the second with Mrs. Najla Nakhle, Head of IMF office in Lebanon. The meetings focused on the Budget's outline and reform actions, in addition to the expected figures based on the prevailing situation.

A discussion and exchange of opinions took also place to help elaborate ideas that lead to a balanced budget with practical reform measures.

The WB and IMF delegations praised such actions that reflect transparency and clarity, as well as the responsible approach in dealing with this sensitive matter.