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Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil met with the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Mr. Ján Kubiš and they discussed the general situation in the country. After the meeting, Mr. Kubiš made the following statement: “His Excellency is very determined to do everything possible to process, through the government, in consultation with political forces and the Parliament, the new budget of the country. It is one of the most important topic. It is the basis of legislation in every country, and the basis on which the political forces, the Parliament and government cooperate. We discussed how the international community can assist the government in implementing all its objectives, including of reform and financial management. I approached the support on behalf of the UN family and cooperation with the international community, starting international financial institutions . I was very impressed to be received by one of the key politicians in the country and we have discussed a number of important issues and I am very glad that we agreed to continue discussing the whole range of critical issues before the country, the government and the people. It was a first meeting but I hope we start with very productive consultations and cooperation.”

Minister Khalil met also with Iranian Ambassador to Lebanon, Mohammad Jalal Firouznia, and they discussed the bilateral relations between the two countries.

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