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Answering the questions of journalists, Minister Khalil stated the below prior to the Cabinet meeting:

There is no intention to violate due process, whether within the Budget or outside of it... There are laws governing the relation between BDL and the Ministry of Finance and the central bank is not subject to the decree on the establishment of public institutions; it has its own regulations that abide by the Code of Money and Credit. Therefore, raising this issue is nothing but suspicious propaganda and senseless words to cover what is happening. No one is targeting the BDL or its staff. However, we insist on increasing the tax on interests from 7% to 10% since it is a fundamental part of the Budget and maintains its balance.