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Finance Minister Dr. Ghazi Wazni met with a delegation from the Syndicate of Private Hospitals in Lebanon headed by Dr. Sleiman Haroun.

During the meeting, Wazni expressed his solidarity with the Syndicate's rights, especially with regard to the hospitals' dues and their struggling due to the exchange rate difference, stressing that health services provided to citizens are a priority.

Dr. Haroun placed the Syndicate at the disposal of the Lebanese State in these critical and difficult times, in light of the economic and financial situation prevailing in the country. He stressed on the need to find a solution to the lack of medical supplies which hospitals cannot afford to buy, highlighting the importance of facilitating the import of such material and equipment, implementing strict oversight on the nature of imported goods and verifying that the supplies reach Lebanon, in addition to requiring a monthly scheduling of hospitals' dues in order to avoid straining the State's treasury and provide the cash flow needed to ensure the continuity of the health sector's services.