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Minister of Finance Ali Hassan Khalil received in his office in the ministry EU Ambassador, Christina Lassen, and British Ambassador, Hugo Shorter, respectively. Both meetings focused on the general situation in Lebanon in light of the recent political events and developments, as well as on the situation in the region, underlining the importance of maintaining Lebanon's stability on the political and security levels.

Minister Khalil also met with Dalia Wahba, Country Manager at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group, and a delegation from the IFC that gave a presentation about their support to the Lebanese State in different fields, especially concerning alternative energy and electricity projects.

The delegation informed Khalil that the IFC has selected Lebanon, along with 9 other countries, to undertake a study about Lebanon's private sector in order to identify the sectors that can be developed and those which development is hindered by a range of obstacles, offering to provide solutions to overcome the latter.

Khalil welcomed the suggestions of the delegation, stressing on the importance of improving the work of small and medium enterprises, which would be consistent with the work initiated by the Lebanese government to draw inclusive economic policies, particularly at the level of the country's comprehensive development plan that is currently being studied prior to its adoption by the Cabinet.