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Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil tweeted the following:

- There are no new taxes in the 2019 State budget and talks about new additions on gasoline aren't at all on the table
- We abide by the text stipulating the submission of a quarterly report on the State's public finance to the Parliament
- This reflects the need that everyone should abide by the rules of accountability and monitoring
- The financial and economic facts that were presented require the adoption of serious structural reforms within the State's administration, within the scope of a clear plan identifying the weaknesses and the required directions
- Starting with serious political commitment in adopting financial, economic and administrative policies and directions
- The most important thing is the commitment of the political and parliamentary forces to the rule of law and institutions and the respect for the supervisory, inspection and judiciary bodies. Ministries should not be considered as independent states for each team, as if the discussion affects the political bloc of the concerned minister.