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Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil met with a delegation from the International Monetary Fund headed by Chris Jarvis. The delegation gave an overview of the mission they are carrying out, particularly concerning their recommendations related to decreasing the budget deficit and to the need to work on finding new sources of revenues to the State to be included in 2019 Budget.

Minister Khalil stressed that work was underway to finalize the State Budget within the deadlines set by the Parliament, saying the budget includes several reforms that are commensurate with the government's orientation as mentioned in its ministerial statement and the plan established by the Ministry of Finance to address public finance.

Khalil met also with the President of the Lebanese University, Dr. Fouad Ayoub, and a delegation from the University's board of directors. The meeting focused on the current situation of the Lebanese University and the ways to support it and solve some of its problems, mainly those related to the Mutual Fund.