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A meeting was held today at the Ministry of Finance between Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Ghazi Wazni, the Head of the Higher Council of Customs, General Assaad Toufaily, the Acting Director General of Customs, Raymond Khoury, the Director General of the Tenders Department, Jean Alia, the Director of the EU-funded Technical Assistance Facility for the Government of Lebanon, Peter Salloum, and the UK Customs expert, Phil Johnson.

During the meeting, the launch of the first phase of the EU-funded technical assistance related to the development of the TOR for the scanner's tender, noting that the British expert will be sending his detailed report to the Tenders Department within a month.

Wazni stressed on the importance of this step, since fighting smuggling is an essential demand on a national level and from international institutions, as well as an important reform for the Lebanese Customs.