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Statement Following Meeting with caretaker Minister of Labor Boutros Harb  
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Good afternoon,

I am very grateful to H.E. the Minister of Labor, Boutros Harb, for receiving me today. We discussed the situation in Lebanon and in the broader Arab world.

The Minister and I agreed today that the frustrations of the Lebanese people were rising and needed to be addressed. The people of Lebanon are clearly concerned about their economic situation and I believe this underlines the urgency to form a new government that can tackle the many issues that are before Lebanon. I think in any country the task of politicians of the political class is to overcome obstacles. And I think the need to form a government in Lebanon is now becoming urgent.

Thank you very much.

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