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Statement Following Meeting with Minister of Labor Boutros Harb
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Good Morning.

I just had a very good meeting with H.E. Mr. Boutros Harb, the Minister of Labor. I am very grateful to the Minister for receiving me today. We had a good meeting. Our talks covered the situation in Lebanon and developments in the region.

Minister Harb briefed me about the very important work his Ministry is carrying out, and we recalled in that context the significant progress achieved last year when the government took steps to facilitate the entry of Palestinian refugees into the labor market.

Of course, the Minister and I also discussed the domestic situation in Lebanon, and I welcomed all the efforts being undertaken by Lebanese politicians to try and find a solution that will help reduce recent tension. I expressed the hope that different Lebanese sides would be able to overcome the stalemate that has affected the work of the government. We hope progress can be made as soon as possible. This is our wish for Lebanon for the New Year.

Thank you very much. Shoukran Jazeelan.
