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Statement After Meeting with Minister of Defense Elias Murr  
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Thank you very much, Minister, for our excellent meeting. We had very wide-ranging talks, touching on issues including resolution 1701. We are preparing at the moment the next report on 1701, and there will be a meeting of the Security Council on 7 July in New York on the report. In it, we will address all the key issues in 1701.

We also discussed priorities for the Lebanese for the future and also other issues in the region.

**Q:** How do you assess the cooperation between the LAF and the new UNIFIL?

**A:** It is absolutely excellent. Whenever I speak to General Graziano, he praises the cooperation that exists on every level and in every aspect. I think the cooperation is truly excellent. I think the Minister [Murr] has set an excellent example, he and I, for example, have excellent relations, and so it is on every level in our cooperation. He has also instructed his Commanders to maintain such cooperation, and this is excellent.

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