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Statement following Meeting with Prime Minister Najib Mikati**

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I just had a good meeting with Prime Minister Mikati. I informed him about my visit to New York last week where I briefed the UN Security Council members on the situation in Lebanon in relation to the developments related to the implementation of resolution 1701. Security Council members showed interest in the situation in Lebanon and the progress made in the implementation of the resolution. They also noted the present calm along the Blue Line and in south Lebanon.

We also discussed the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon. I said there was appreciation in New York for the role that Lebanon has played in welcoming and hosting many displaced Syrian people, in particular the role the Prime Minister and the Higher Relief Council have played in that regard. There was also appreciation for the Lebanese Government's efforts to safeguard Lebanon from the negative effects of the Syrian crisis.

Finally, we discussed the visit of the UN electoral assistance team from New York last week. The team of experts were here to examine what possible assistance may be extended to Lebanon in line with the initial preparations for the forthcoming elections.

These were the three issues we discussed today.

Thank you.
