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Lebanon Tactical: Public institutions across Lebanon to be closed on September 7; take precautions to ensure business continuity

Please be advised:

- Caretaker Prime Minister Hassan Diab's government has announced that all public institutions in Lebanon will suspend work on September 7.
- This falls in line with a funeral that is being organized on September 7 for a prominent Shiite religious leader, Imam Sheikh Abdul Amir Qabalan, who passed away on September 4. Imam Qabalan was the head of the Supreme Shiite Islamic Council in Lebanon.
- The Association of Banks in Lebanon has called on its members, amounting to 61 banks registered with the Central Bank of Lebanon, to also participate in a general closure on September 7.

Recommendations:

1. Those operating or residing in Lebanon on September 7 are advised to take necessary precautions to ensure business continuity given the planned suspension of work at public institutions and potential disruptions in critical services such as banks in both the private and public sectors.
2. It is advised to avoid the general vicinity of the funeral procession and commemorative events throughout Lebanon on September 7 and in the coming days due to the associated potential for unrest triggered by underlying sectarian tensions.

