اشتهر صندوق النقد الدولي كريستالينا جورجيفا، إلى أنه لا يوجد سبب حتى الآن لوقع حدوث انفراجة للازمة الاقتصادية في لبنان.
وقفت جورجيفا، خلال ندوة نظمتها رويترز عبر الإنترنت، إلى أن الأزمة الاقتصادية العالمية الناجمة عن فيروس كورونا قد تكون في نهاية المطاف اختبارا لموارد الصندوق البالغة تريليون دولار، لكننا لم نصل بعد إلى تلك النقطة.
ورأت أن التفاويث الآن أن التعافي من توقف أنشطة الأعمال والسفر عالميا يجب أن يبدأ في غياب تحقيق تقدم طبي، ورغم الوجود الواسع الانتشار للفيروس عالميا، مشددة على أن الدول الأعضاء بصندوق النقد الدولي مستعدة لتقديم المزيد من الدعم لصندوق إذا اقتضت الحاجة.

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IMF: There is No Breakthrough for the Lebanese Economic Crisis

Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva has indicated that there is no reason yet to expect a breakthrough for the economic crisis in Lebanon.
Georgieva pointed out, during a seminar organized by Reuters through the Internet, that the global economic crisis caused by the Coronavirus may eventually be a test of the trillion dollar resources of the fund, but we have not yet reached that point.

She considered that it is now clear that recovery from the interruption of business and travel activities globally should start in the absence of medical progress, despite the widespread presence of the virus globally, stressing that the IMF member states are ready to provide more support to the fund if the need arises.

The International Monetary Fund expected a deeper global economic recession than previously expected, as business activities continued to be interrupted. It also expected a contraction of 4.9% of global GDP this year, and a total lost production of $12 trillion until the end of 2021.
Georgieva emphasized that "we still have about three quarters of the lending capacity, but I will not ignore that we may be in a situation where our debt resources are exposed to about three quarters of the lending capacity, nor will I ignore that we may be in a situation where the IMF resources are being tested, but we did not reach that point yet."

Source (Reuters, Edited)
The IMF Lends Egypt $5.2 Billion to Face the Repercussions of Corona

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund approved Egypt's request for a loan worth $5.2 billion dollars. This is the second loan from the IMF since the start of the Corona virus crisis, where it was obtained last May, 2.7 billion dollars, as part of the fund's actions to support countries in facing the repercussions of the pandemic on the economy.

According to the International Monetary Fund, its Executive Board has approved a new credit preparation agreement for Egypt worth $5.2 billion, with a duration of 12 months, aimed at helping Egypt cope with the consequences of the Corona virus pandemic, and to compensate for the budget and balance of payments deficiencies. Indicating that the program will also assist the authorities in maintaining support for health and social spending to protect vulnerable groups, and pushing forward a set of important structural reforms.

Microsoft Closes All Stores Around the World!?

Microsoft has permanently closed 83 retail stores, as part of a new policy in which it will focus on its online stores, where customers can obtain technical support, after-sales services, and so on.

According to the company, the retail teams will move to work on the website, rather than stores, revealing that all Microsoft employees will have the opportunity to stay in the company.

In this context, David Porter, Vice President of Microsoft Corporation, stated that their online sales have witnessed remarkable growth, as their digital product portfolio has evolved over the past few years, and talented teams have proven successful in serving customers outside existing stores, and from therefore they look forward to continuing to serve their customers online to fulfill their aspirations.

Microsoft announced that the decision excludes stores in four locations that will be transferred to "experience centers" and to transfer retail operations to the Internet.

In parallel, the Egyptian Ministry of Finance has finished preparing the drafting of the amendments to the value-added tax law, in preparation for referring the project to the Council of Ministers for approval, and then sending a draft of the amendments to the House of Representatives for consideration, during the Parliament’s sessions scheduled for the first week of July next.

The project introduced 36 amendments to the law, including addition, deletion and creation, the most prominent of which is the subject of each taxpayer by submitting a monthly electronic VAT return, the due tax schedule, and the application of the electronic invoice system from companies to the consumer directly, so that the tax authority can fully collect the tax.

Source (New Arab newspaper, Edited)