

# Comments on Lebanon's subsidies in Reuters, 9 Oct 2020

Dr. Nasser Saidi's comments appeared in the Reuters article titled "[‘We're scared’: Lebanon on edge as time and money run out](#)", published 9th October 2020.

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*"Everything that happened since last October could have been avoidable," Nasser Saidi, a former vice central bank governor, told Reuters.*

*He said targeted aid to the poorest Lebanese would be more effective than subsidies across the board, which had benefited smugglers taking goods into Syria.*

*"It's all kicking the can down the road. What should have been done is a full economic and financial plan," Saidi said.*