

# **Interview with CNBC on Fitch Ratings' decision to withdraw Lebanon ratings, 26 Jul 2024**

Dr. Nasser Saidi, president at Nasser Saidi & Associates, speaks to CNBC's Dan Murphy about what led to Fitch Ratings' decision to stop rating Lebanon.

---

# **Interview with CNBC on the potential reform path for Lebanon's Banque du Liban, 31 Jul 2023**

Dr. Nasser Saidi, Lebanon's Former Minister for Economy, speaks to CNBC's Dan Murphy about the state of Lebanon's central bank & potential path for the Banque du Liban after Riad Salameh's 30-year term at the helm comes to an end (on 31st July 2023).

Dr. Saidi says: "Losses to the tune of \$76bn at the BDL. There has been zero accountability of the BDL for the biggest financial crisis in history that has destroyed Lebanon's economy. This needs to change!"

---

# **Interview with CNBC on Lebanon's economic crisis, 15 Oct 2020**

Dr. Nasser Saidi, Lebanon's Former Minister for Economy, weighs in on the country's current economic and political peril in his [interview with Hadley Gamble on CNBC's "Capital Connections" program, aired on 15th Oct 2020.](#)

---

# **Interview on CNN's Quest Means Business on the Beirut blast & accelerating financial collapse, 5 Aug 2020**

Dr. Nasser Saidi was on CNN International's Quest Means Business programme on 5th of Aug 2020. Following the blast in Lebanon's capital city Beirut, Dr. Saidi said the "political message" to Lebanon has to come from the rest of the world, "and it is urgent. We don't want another failed state on the Mediterranean coast...the rest of the world really cannot afford that."

Watch the interview below:

---

# Comments on Lebanon's IMF negotiations, 1-3 Jul 2020

Dr. Nasser Saidi's comments on Lebanon's IMF negotiations appeared in multiple articles, as posted below.

In the **New York Times** article titled "[Rescue Talks With the IMF 'Hit the Rocks' as Lebanese Suffer](#)" which was published on Jul 1st

*Several current and former Lebanese officials, diplomats, international officials, economists and analysts agreed that talks with the IMF to rescue Lebanon from an economic crisis are going nowhere. Meanwhile, time is running out.*

*"This (IMF talks) is hitting the rocks" says Nasser Saidi, a former economy minister and central banker.*

...

*"It is incredible that a bunch of parliamentarians in a failed state are trying to question the expertise of the IMF," Saidi, the ex-minister, said. "There is no way the IMF is going to accept it."*

In the **VOA News** article titled "[As IMF Talks Drag, Lebanon's Economy Spirals](#)" which was published on Jul 2nd

*Critical bailout talks between Lebanon and the International Monetary Fund may be 'hitting the rocks,' according to a former economy minister and central banker, Nasser Saidi.*

In **The National's** article titled "[Lebanon-IMF talks hit 'rock bottom' as France fears violence](#)" which was published on Jul 2nd

*"This [IMF talks] is hitting the rocks," says Nasser Saidi, a former economy minister and central banker.*