

### **Drug authority bill could put 1,300 drugmakers out of business: pharmaceutical division head**

The drug authority bill is biased as it ignores small and medium-sized drugmakers, according to head of the pharmaceutical division, Ali Aouf. The Ministry of Health ignored pharmacists, veterinarians, and small companies while it was drafting the law, he stated, adding that if passed, the bill could put 1,300 pharmaceutical companies out of business.