

The Trilogy of the Dream House

The Kuwaiti waits for years, and due to the lack of housing, he and his family are put through the mill of high costs of rent, cramped housing, and being forced to live with his parents. Then after those lean years, he finally gets his plot of land and a loan to build his Dream House. What the poor guy doesn't know is that his tragedy has only just begun. He will face many obstacles with his plot located out in a barren land, lacking utilities and services, where even the levels and grading vary. Moreover, he will have to enter into conflict with those mighty institutions of the State: The Ministry of Public Works, The Municipality, and The Ministry of Electricity and Water. I will stop here for a moment to contemplate and ask, who works in the government? Is it not a group of citizens running the affairs of the state? Aren't these the same citizens who are waiting for their own homes and facing a mountain of the same obstacles themselves?! I mean, the Kuwaiti who is complaining about the current situation is the one torturing himself! If all the officials of the state worked hard, our homeland would become the paradise of God on the earth today. Let me return to the owner of the Dream House, hoping that he will learn a lesson from my few words. On one occasion, I was invited to a house located in South Surra. I was surprised to see that the main entrance was up on the first floor, accessible by stairs which started at the very edge of the pavement. I couldn't help but ask the owner of the house, "Why did you build this staircase up to the first floor? It extends past the plot line, trespassing into the government's land." Also, it was really quite ugly. He replied, "That's not the first floor, it's the ground floor. What you see from the street level is the basement!" The poor man continued, "My mistake was that I built the house before the Ministry of Public Works completed the roads in the area. We based construction on the grading levels from the municipality, which turned out to be incompatible with the plan from Public