

Minors Affairs: A Septuplet Between Two Extremes

Al Sanea and the Iceberg

The minister of justice did a wonderful job screening and performing checks on the institutions under his ministry. Changing the positions of staff and moving them around is not enough to take the rust of the years away from its system, however. The defect in the system and mind is like an iceberg; you can see only a small part of it while most of it lies hidden under water.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Barrak Al Shitan for his new post as general manager of Public Authority for Minors Affairs (PAMA), and may God help him in undertaking this responsibility. Having been one of the minors who was sponsored by this authority, and as a trustee on my father's charitable endowment in association with PAMA, I have dealt through the years with all the general managers in charge since the time of the late Khaled Al Mutawa until the resignation of the last manager. Whenever I would visit the general manager's office, I would notice the black marble pyramid which usually sat in the reception area. Each level of the pyramid was engraved with the name of all the previous general managers, and as a new manager was appointed, another level would be added and the pyramid would rise. I remember when the manager who most recently resigned was first appointed. I told him that I had observed this pyramid rise throughout the years and I witnessed it rise again with the addition of his name. I told him that one day, however, he would leave his post and another name would be added, but I would still be standing as a witness to the history written by those