

## The Spirit of Kuwait

A few weeks ago, billboards costing thousands of dinar were spread out across the roads of Kuwait. Usually these billboards are paid for by companies wanting to market their business or promote a product. These new ads, however, are sponsored by a non-profit organization reminding us of something beautiful within our society; something we are beginning to forget. Its loss is drilling at the foundation of this peaceful and loving society as we begin to take a new and extremely dangerous turn. Unfortunately, the remarks of some of our distinguished deputies, as well as some of our ministers', are giving momentum to a trend of populism and racism against our foreign brothers. O people, these brothers are working in this country as our teachers, doctors, and laborers. From the very beginning, they have been a part of our culture, and their presence has never been condemned.

Let's go back to that beautiful non-profit advertising campaign which reflects the true spirit of Kuwait. This initiative was sponsored by the Kuwait National Cinema Company, in which it thanks our foreign brothers, and expresses the true spirit of the people of Kuwait. I truly hope the government and the National Assembly of Kuwait would take into consideration the spirit of this campaign and stop blaming foreign communities in Kuwait for all our problems which have been accumulating over the years. For instance, the traffic congestion is not a result of issuing driving licenses to an increasing number of foreigners. It's due to poor maintenance of our aging roads, as well as a lack of professional direction in the city's master planning. The rapid increase in issuing construction permits without first making appropriate