

They wanted to solve the issue of inadequate parking for investment buildings, so they added the commercial ones just for the sake of it! They have forgotten that there are markets such as Mubarakia with shops that are between 100 and 300 square meters. I mean, for God's sake, how can you build basements and floors for a couple of cars to fit in? What about maintaining the heritage of those markets? Also, how will the law fix the small developments in the investment sector with an area of 500 square meters or less?

What is even more hilarious is the reaction of the municipal officials. Whoever reads the press release in Al-Qabas newspaper on 08 September is going to die of laughter! These people barely drowned and immediately began cutting themselves free of the responsibility. The easiest way out was to freeze the people's transactions and refer every application, whether it was submitted before or after the new law was enacted, to the Fatwa and Legislation Department. Then they will decide after they review the department's opinion.

For God's sake, what are you expecting from the Legislation Department other than the application of the existing law?

I asked an engineer in the municipality if applications were getting approved if they followed the new law. Were those ones getting accepted at least? He replied that everything was still frozen.

Apparently, the guys in the municipality intend to fight their Minister and his law through disrupting the citizens' business, especially after reading what was mentioned in the press release: "all relevant participants in the Executive Body and the Legal Department neither got acquainted with the municipality law while it was being studied in the committees of the National Assembly nor were they present in the Parliament during its approval." Of course, in my opinion, that's an excuse more ugly than the guilt itself.