

A Nation's Concern

Every Tuesday evening, I am pleased to visit Al Asousy Diwaniya in Nuzha, a very pleasant diwaniya but also an intellectual forum rather than a usual social diwaniya. While sitting there, you would hear what is useful and meet the best people of Kuwait. The conversations are mixed with culture, laughter, wisdom, and politics. In some way I'm related to the hosts, Bu Khalifa and his brothers, because their aunt was the wife of my uncle, Abdulaziz, God have mercy on them both. After publishing "The Eye of the Naqrour" article, some of the regular attendees at the diwaniya complimented me on the article, and we had many discussions on this subject. I didn't expect how quickly it spread, being shared over WhatsApp and Twitter. I was really amazed by its rapid popularity. I began to ponder and analyse the feedback from people with different political and religious affiliations, businessmen, employees, judges, or leaders. Everyone agreed on the extent of love and attachment to this homeland and concluded by saying, may God preserve Kuwait and protect our leaders. I realized that the article hit a sensitive nerve in Kuwaitis. It is impossible for a foreigner to love Kuwait more than her own people. The biggest concern for Kuwaitis is the future, and especially the near one. For example, oil prices have dropped and it is not clear, for the public at least, the stance the state will take through future policies. Is it going to stop subsidies, apply taxes, or take loans? What is the fate of our foreign investments? Is it going to gradually reduce dinar's value against foreign currencies, so the simple citizen will not feel the political impact, but will only feel the financial burden on his pockets? Especially since all our needs are imported from abroad. It will also impact money