

The day *Al-Qabas* published my article "Malyousa, O Ministry of Commerce," related to the topic of licensing home businesses, I received a message around 1:00 AM asking, with extreme courtesy, if I was awake and if I could talk. I didn't recognize the number, but it looked like the number of somebody important. Honestly, I didn't see the message until the next day, but I replied saying: "Of course we can, any time." So, he called again and I found out it was none other than the young and decent Minister, Khaled Al-Rawdan. He wanted to explain his point of view regarding the topic, which I do honestly believe can be a good thing, but it could also turn into a bad thing. A good thing because it is an ambitious and beautiful program, but a bad thing since this program will be an orphan with nobody to care or watch over it. On one hand, some of the citizens will start messing around with it, turning our neighborhoods into workshops and shops, and on the other, there is the weak systems of control. Other than that, the Municipality, along with the Public Authority for Housing and Welfare (PAHW), doesn't even have the time for reviewing any of this because most of them ditched their responsibilities to become real estate developers themselves. According to what we read in the newspapers, they want to build a financial center to generate revenue to support the projects of the Public Authority for Housing and Welfare. Let me summarize what I was able to understand of the published gibberish.

Al-Murqab 47, the area's common name, has been valued by the state for decades. There was a lot of debate within the government about how to use it, and the suggestions varied. Once there was a proposal to turn it into a financial center, then they changed their minds and said let's build housing for Kuwaitis there. And indeed, the whole area was turned over into the hands of PAHW. Of course, after their failed experiment with the housing in Sawabir, the idea didn't receive any more