

Chapter Five: A Minor without a Voice



Kuwait has always been a country of institutions that care for its citizens. There is no greater evidence of this care than the Public Authority of Minors' Affairs (PAMA), founded under the reign of Sheikh Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah. One of the very first government institutions in Kuwait, it was originally called the "Orphan's Department," and it was formed to protect the rights of orphans and minors and to serve as a trustee of their inheritances until they reached the legal age of maturity. Sadly, over the years, the institution began to suffer from administrative laziness and conflicts of interest which negatively affected its ability to protect the