

#### Part 4: Rest in Peace, Building Law

Dr. Jinan Bushehri is a consultant for the National Assembly's Utilities Committee, which is currently studying amendments to the construction laws. What Kuwait needs, however, is for the law to be buried so a new one can be drafted. Any amendments to the current law will only give birth to a deformed monster like the Hunchback of Notre-Dame.

Dr. Jinan, herself an elite engineer, is fully aware of the suffering of Kuwait from the visual torture of our buildings. I hope she brings innovation and leads the change by carrying the torch passed by others in our region. By doing so, she could rejuvenate this country and take it to the next level architecturally, using a new and integrated law which is easy to apply and convenient for the employees of the municipality because they are suffering from the current law even more than the citizens. Frankly speaking, what is point of the construction law's intervention in bedroom and bathroom sizes? And what does it mean that the bathroom's width must be 180 cm? If it happens to be 170 cm, what is the worst thing that can happen?! These things are better left in the hands of the developer. He is the one who gets spaces determined by the law and he has the right to divide it as he pleases. If he does it right, he will win tenants, and if he went wrong, it is his own business. This protocol is followed by all the countries in the world. For example, In London we can find bedrooms less than 7 meters, and nobody complains. The strictness of the building law must be applied in providing adequate parking and in the beauty and durability of the building. What happens within the units is the developer's business. What happens now is that the apartments are licensed with 60 meters of space as a bedroom and living room, but after connecting the electricity, the apartment gets divided into two bedrooms. In the market, this is called a non-serious violation. The contradiction here is that Hawalli Municipality does not inspect the rented apartments at the time of issuing the description certificate, while Al-Ahmadi Municipality insists on entering the premises, even if it is leased. The question is, who is doing it right? Al-Ahmadi or Hawally Municipality, or is