

## A Hardship and Suffering

I could not find any words that describe the Municipality of Kuwait better than this title. Although I am optimistic by nature and I always see the glass half full, I cannot say the same for this institution. In this case I can't even find the glass to see what is in it because it's always pitch black.

It is enough to explain the situation in the words of His Highness the Emir, May God protect him, when he stated during his presidency in the Prime Minister's Council that the corruption in the municipality cannot even be carried by camels. The municipality is the main cause of our country's architectural chaos, irregularity, and visual distortion. Glory be to God, it is the only institution that all Kuwaitis can agree is corrupt. I may disagree with them to the extent that corruption cannot be generalized on all the employees in that institution. Many of them are honest and hard workers, but I do say with complete confidence, that the greatest source of corruption is the administrative system and its outdated procedures.

Upon his mandate to establish the Anti-Corruption Authority, I asked the honest counselor, Abdul Rahman Al-Nemsh, a question: "Where does the fight against corruption begin and where does it end?" The answer is still stuck in my head. He said that the fight against corruption begins with changing the regulations in which the state's institutions operate; removing the bureaucracy that prohibits the citizen from conducting his business efficiently and which makes him easy prey to all kinds of corruption. Establishing clearly defined processes and procedures along with the