

## BOT Grave

A few days ago, we gathered in Sulaibikhat cemetery and said our last goodbye to a relative. Whenever I am there, I usually pass by the first part of the cemetery where my father's grave is located close to his dear friend Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem, may God have mercy on them all. You can see all the people of Kuwait there, citizens and residents alike, buried side by side. Since it opened in the early 1960's, Sulaibikhat remains the largest cemetery in Kuwait. It was in that cemetery where I had a talk with a young man who knows nothing but despair and frustration. I was telling him that not everything in Kuwait deserves criticism, and the cemetery where we stood was a good example. Thanks to God Almighty, unlike many other countries, Kuwait provides everything necessary to serve the citizens and residents even after they pass away. In other countries, people have to buy their own graves and pay their burial fees in advance, otherwise they're left as a burden to their families. Death and preparing a funeral is a major thing for others, but it's much easier in Kuwait, thanks to God. As a matter of fact, Sulaibikhat cemetery is more organized than any other area in Kuwait. Frankly, the Municipality of Kuwait should be thanked for such a wonderful effort. But no sooner had we finished praising the municipality when one of our leaders started saying that 1.2 million square meters of cemetery space in the capital will be developed into services to improve the urban environment. The fatwa on which he based this states "The cemetery land may be used only when the bones of the dead have turned into dust." Moreover, the leader continues by saying that if they do happen to find any bones, then they'll be gathered up and reburied in Sulaibikhat. Apparently, we envied ourselves by saying our graves are for free, but it turns out that it works on a Build-Operate-