

didn't learn the first time around, and he divided the building further into 12 apartments and a shop which he rented out to marginal laborers.

In another case, in good faith, I allowed my other neighbor to extend his house up to the property line against my own house. I allowed this because he promised that he was building an addition for his own family, but he built four separate smaller houses instead. Out of respect for the family, we kept silent whilst he rented these houses to foreign families. Years later, our American neighbor left and a family of an older woman and ten young men took his place. We began to notice unusual visitors to the building until the Ministry of Interior raided the building because they were growing marijuana. There were even shots fired during the raid! In short, in one day my neighborhood turned to 1940's Chicago. After much suffering, I've decided I have to move out of the house in which I've spent a lifetime and move to another area. The disturbing question remains, who guarantees me that my new neighbor won't demolish his house and turn it into an apartment building? How can I be sure when this growing tide hasn't even spared neighborhoods such as Abdullah Al-Salem, Nuzha, and others?

The existing laws and regulations of the state's institutions are inconsistent and contradictory. Simply increasing the sanctions and the promulgation of miscellaneous laws will not work.

From my humble point of view, I will not touch upon the solution until this matter is linked to the investment violations, the law of construction, the philosophy of property tenure and the law of rent, as well as the rights of our foreign brothers, whether from families or workers, because they are also our guests and deserve a better condition.