

The question is this, does the municipality have a right to refuse issuing this certificate which by law is his right to receive? No, this is violation of a constitutional right, and there is no law stipulating conditions upon which the certificate can be denied.

After my previous article, one of the architects of the municipality contacted me, explaining that the ministerial decision 206 for the year 2009 has increased the building code violation fines from one thousand dinars to ten thousand dinars per meter. Returning to our example in the previous article, the purchaser of the property of our friend the banker has to pay a fine of twenty million dinars! He also informed me that a property belonging to one of the most notorious developers in Kuwait has nearly thirty thousand meters of building code infractions. If the fine is applied to this property, it will reach nearly 300 million dinars! Because the municipality knows that it's impossible to issue such fines, it ignores them for a time but later refuses to issue the certificates of descriptions. In my opinion this should be transparently issued, including a full description of the property's actual condition. The buyer has to sign a notarized pledge in which he acknowledges that he is fully aware of the offense and he accepts responsibility for his purchase of the violating property, if he so desires.

Levying these fines in accordance with the law will lead to the bankruptcy of Kuwaitis, their companies, and their banks. Then again, maybe this would be a good way to diversify the state's income apart from oil. What do you think? Isn't it a great idea?!