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Last year, the government confidently announced that it will start applying taxes, raise the price of gasoline, and increase electricity fees. But with the dissolution of the National Assembly, suddenly everything changed. The Minister of finance said there would be no taxes, the Minister of Electricity withdrew his comments, and no one from the government noticed the effect of these decisions on the local market, from the suffering of the retail and automotive sectors, not to mention the real estate crisis which is on the way, soon to be followed by a banking crisis! Solving such crises is going to cost millions of Dinars.

O people! Advanced countries which impose taxes support their companies, manufacturers, and investors because the taxes they pay directly benefit the state treasury. But after you crushed the market with your empty statements, now you're talking about postponing taxes and utility rate increases under the pretext of "maintaining the market!" Of course, this talk is useless because the government keeps its eye on the Assembly, and the Assembly's accounts are not balanced. So the new trend in the National Assembly is spewing inflammatory statements against the expatriates. They sound eerily similar to Trump's declarations of banning Muslims from entering America, building the Great Wall of Mexico, and laying claim to restitution from the Gulf's fortunes. What's the matter? You've already been elected, so what's the use of the empty and inflammatory campaign promises? I've also read some statements in *Al-Qabas* about Kuwait not needing expatriates because, with the exception of some "rare professions," there's an existing Kuwaiti workforce.