

Family Visa

Before I start, I would like to congratulate Kuwait for getting a seat in the UN Security Council. This vote of international confidence in Kuwait is a result of the diplomatic and humanitarian reputation of our beloved country. There was also a wonderful and elegant exhibition of Kuwait's heritage which coincided with the final period of voting. Unfortunately, it didn't get the media attention it deserved as it got lost in the hustle and bustle around the Ramadan TV series. This achievement was directed by the Kuwaiti Heritage Team, led by our brother Anwar Al-Rifaie. The team managed to transfer some of the contents of Bayt Al Othman Museum and held a beautiful cultural exhibition for Kuwait at the United Nations. Such lovely volunteer work done by a number of Kuwaitis reflecting the culture and heritage of our beloved country. So thank you to the team and its manager, and thank you to Sheikha Amthal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Chairperson of the Voluntary Action Committee.

Going back to our painful topic. From time to time, our rational government surprises us as usual with some badly improvised decisions. The last of these (rumor now says it has been canceled) is the decision of restricting the family visa to cover a spouse and children only. As for the parents and brothers and sister, they have to rectify their own status within three months. The family visa issue has a long history and every now and then they try something new to fix it. As I recall, it used to depend on the expatriate having a minimum salary of 500 dinars, but then they reduced it to 250 dinars, and after that they raised it back up to 500 dinars. And I have no clue why! Who studied any of these decision? Were these changes based on politics or economics? Or was it just someone's mood that day? Let us know.