

Malyousa, O Ministry Of Commerce

Malyousa, meaning turbulent or chaotic, is a word originally from the the Iraqi dialect. The word is associated with Hussein Al-Safi, the poet, lawyer, and minister who witnessed the bloody history of Iraq since the monarchy until he was murdered during the era of Saddam. He was so well known for crying out "Malyousa!" whenever he encountered a difficult situation, that it transformed into a common expression. "Malyousa, O Hussein Al-Safi" is still used by the Iraqis whenever life became too hard.

And now heading to our main topic, which is related to the decision of the Ministry of Commerce to open the door for licensing home businesses, meaning that there is no need to rent an office or have a license from the municipality and fire department. The rationale behind this is to encourage more Kuwaitis to engage in commerce rather than seeking out government posts.

So in the midst of the bureaucracy which is harming the business environment, and with pressure from the National Assembly, we find the Ministry of Commerce trying to jump forward, yet it falls in the swamp of some citizens who are only interested in eliminating the remaining beauty of this country. Let us explain in more details.

A few years ago, in order to alleviate the housing crisis and the pressure of accumulating housing applications, the permissible built-up area for houses was raised to 210%, as well as allowing the addition of floors and a couple of apartments in the third floor so the owner of the house could let his children live there. It was a quite good idea, but what happened? All of our neighborhoods have been turned into apartments for rent, and the citizen took advantage of the municipality's