



**Amiri address delivered by His Highness the Prime Minister
on the opening of the third session of the thirteenth legislative
term of the National Assembly**

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“...And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.”

Almighty Allah has spoken the truth.

**Venerable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,**

Assalamu Alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

We ask the Almighty as we commence our action with the opening of this parliamentary session to grant us success and that we maybe live up to the responsibility entrusted to us to complete our national course.

**Venerable members Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,**

Article (104) of the constitution stipulates that the annual opening of the national assembly includes the Amiri address, the state of the country, the affairs that took place during the last year and the intention of the government to carry out projects and reforms during the New Year. However, we must first recognize our achievements that have not reached expectations for development in various sectors; rather they have witnessed throughout the past legislative session random parliamentary practices including grilling, and debates that caused an uncomfortable atmosphere to prevail between the legislative and the executive, leading to the squandering of time and effort of both the assembly and government.

In this context, the country witnessed during the past year a number of events and developments which cannot be disregarded or transcended.

They are as follows:

First: The local scene recently witnessed the impertinence of a fugitive accused of offending our Islamic symbols and the infringement upon our national resolve, in an attempt to propagate affliction and discord, and provoke sectarianism amidst the Kuwaiti society. The entire Kuwaiti society with all its factions, and denominations



confronted the situation rationally, rejecting these detestable insults and confirming their commitment to national unity, and adherence to the teachings of Islam.

It is fair to note the serious move and wise steps taken by the government to confront developments of this malicious conduct contain its effects and avoid the consequences upon the social structure and national security.

We are proud to convey our extreme satisfaction and appreciation at the mindful response and hopeful cooperation demonstrated by members of the national assembly, citizens and the local media towards the security measures undertaken by relevant authorities to prevent commotion and its destructive venom.

Second: The problem of "illegal residents" is high on the list of official concern and it is the most complicated and intricate problem on the local arena. The government has charged the supreme council for planning and development with is highly specialized experts to form a committee to address the situation of "illegal residents" and provide the mechanisms and instruments to find effective solutions to the problem, in cooperation with various other pertinent authorities. The assigned committee has concluded a presentation of practical recommendations to solve this problem comprehensively putting into account all security, humanitarian, legal, social and economic considerations. The government in endorsing these solutions and implementing them appeals to all authorities, and social institutes and individuals to cooperate and consider the solution to this problem a national comprehensive project in a shared realization and achievement of objectives.

Third: Significant results concerning the course of action and the achievements of the annual government development plan:

Cooperation between the Executive and the Legislative resulted in achieving a number of legislative requirements of the medium term development plan since 3legeslations were issued in the economic field, and 3 other legislations in the field of human and social development, it is expected to fulfill the legislative requirements of the plan before the deadline, and the most prominent of these legislations which support economic and social development are as follows:

- Act number 7 of the year 2010 relating to the establishment of stock exchanges and regulating stocks.
- Act number 37 of the year 2010 regarding regulating privatization programmes and practices.
- Act number 8 of the year 2010 regarding the rights of the disabled.
- Act number 6 of the year 2010 regarding employment in the private sector.
- Act number 50 of the year 2010 regarding the amendment of certain law regulations

Number 47 of the year 1993 regarding housing.

The institutional requirements of the development plan:

Amongst the most prominent institutional requirements that were implemented:



The stock exchange commission decree was issued and stocks activities regulated in accordance with act number 7 of the year 2010, and a commissioner's board was formed.

Taking preliminary procedures in preparation for the establishment of a supreme council for privatization, in accordance with law number 37 of the year 2010. The draft law for establishing a public authority responsible for regulating communications and information paves the way for endorsing and submitting to the national assembly.

The accomplishment of leading strategic and development projects;
Whereby the State heeds more attention to leading strategic and development projects considering them the train of development in the approaching phase, the most prominent of these projects:

- A. **Group of Public joint Stock Companies:** These cover important development fields, expand the fields of private sector participation, and citizen participation in financing development projects, and benefit from their profits. It has been decided to cast five public companies during the financial years 2010/2011.
- B. **Group of Leading Development Projects:** These present significant participation to support the shift to a financial and commercial hub, as well as supporting the social security network for Kuwaiti nationals, and development and modernization of public services, particularly healthcare and education.

The most prominent accomplishments in this field are:

- The signing of the first phase for Mubarak Al-Kabeer port in Bubyah Island.
- Operating the first phase of North Zour electricity plant, and preparations are underway to implement South Zour water desalinization plant.
- A special draft law is being prepared to establish a public authority to manage Bubyah Island and Silk City.
- Preparing an advisory agreement for the public joint stock company in health care insurance.
- Signing the contract for the construction of Jaber Al-Ahmad hospital and the commencement of operations.
- Signing four out of nine contracts for the establishment of new schools listed during the current year.

Both the executive and the legislative cooperated in preparing the necessary legislations to launch the development operation. These efforts resulted in issuing the two annual documents for the medium term plan. The government has thus mobilized its human and financial resources to implement the annual projects plan for the years (2010/2011), and this forms the groundwork for actual activation of the positive development and constructive cooperation between the government and the assembly to enhance development efforts. The annual plan includes a number of



leading strategic and development projects for government authorities since they are implemented according to a clear and definite timeframe. It aims to achieve the objectives and policies of human and societal development, development of population policies, healthcare, education, informatics, as well as women and youth affairs, intellect, art and culture.

The target is to develop economic growth, production platform, support and boost the private sector's role, develop the infrastructure and environmental affairs, along with the administrative, legislative and informatics structure.

Bellow is some features of the annual development plan:

The number of planned projects reached 844.

Projects are distributed between human and societal development authorities (399 projects), economic authorities (154), Public administration authority, Planning, statistics and information (53 projects), other authorities (278 projects).

The total cost of the projects reached 5 billion Dinars, the lions share of the cost is allocated to constructional projects (84%).

The first annual plan contributed to the implementation of 153 policies:

First and foremost, human development policies which account for (85), political policies (41), administration, planning, statistics and information policies (27). To achieve the ideal implementation of these projects and attain the required objectives,

the government has resolved to provide effective mechanisms, procedures and a performance and follow-up system for the annual plan policies and projects (2010/2011).

The electricity plant project has been completed with a capacity of 1360 megawatts, and water production projects with a capacity of 75 million gallons. Tenders for electricity plant projects with a capacity of 1900 megawatts are being completed t produce water with a capacity of 132 million gallons.

387 kilometers of roads have been constructed across Kuwait and 660 kilometers remain during the remaining years of the plan.

The government shall soon submit to your esteemed assembly, a comprehensive report including complete details of the course of action in implementing these projects and the phases of finalization.

Venerable members Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,

The commitment of the State of Kuwait is steadfast by its fixed approach in its foreign policy, which is established on the respect of the sovereignty of states and non-intervention in their internal affairs. It pursues along with brotherly and friendly countries to exert all efforts that contribute to achieving security, peace and stability around the world.

The State of Kuwait has followed with considerable interest, peace negotiations in the Middle East between the Palestinians and Israelis, which were held recently in



the United States, and we emphasize in this respect, that the delay in these negotiations was a result of Israeli arrogance by persisting in its settlements expansion policy which is considered a blow to all efforts aimed at achieving peace. We call on all international parties, especially the United States as the sponsor of the peace process, the international quartet the European Union, and the entire international community to assume their responsibilities by putting an end to the tragic reality of our Palestinian brothers, exerting pressure on Israel to cease building settlements and accept international legitimacy to attain just, permanent and comprehensive peace that we all aspire to. This will not be possible without the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, based on the principle of land for peace and the Arab initiative.

The world has suffered a debilitating economic crisis last year and the impact extended to all countries and peoples. The State of Kuwait was able to contain the repercussions of this crisis and eliminate the effects thanks to the studied efforts and measures initiated by the government from the outset of the crisis. Perhaps the positive indications of the international economic state prompt some comfort and evoke optimism towards a brighter future for mankind.

Natural disasters have had a devastating impact on the economies of many developing countries, resulting in huge loses of life and possession, the most outstanding are the destructive earthquakes that hit the Republic of Haiti and the Republic of Chile, as well as the catastrophic floods that the Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Indonesia suffered. There was also the unique event in the history of mankind that Chilean miners were subject to, and survived after the long ordeal. While the State of Kuwait commends the efforts exerted by the international community in confronting the impact of these disasters and alleviating the suffering of those affected, it did not hesitate to contribute to supporting these efforts and offering humanitarian aid which will reduce the pain and suffering of the peoples of these countries.

Venerable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,

It is apt for us today to demonstrate our ability to fulfill the responsibilities in our charge, asserting our determination to continue the national course in establishing the State of law and institutions shining an ever glowing beacon of democracy on this great land.

We all know that democracy in Kuwait was not obligatory, neither did it come from a vacuum, nor was it a sudden acquisition, but was born from the conscience of its people that laid its foundations generation after generation. Thus, it has become a source of pride for us before the whole world, and will remain solid in confronting external interference, steady in its national course, a fortified fortress through its people, and it is up to us to preserve the instrument of unity and integration, we will not allow it to become an instrument of division and disunity.



Doubtless to say that if democracy is practiced flawlessly, it will certainly prevail in determining issues of public interest. It would be beneficial to call for an objective and careful review of the outcome of the previous legislative term, to reach stable regulations and customs for parliamentary practice in the constitutional and legal frameworks, corresponding with the efforts in reaching the hopes and aspirations of the citizens, and any accomplishments required by the development process.

Esteemed members, experience has proven that both the legislative and the executive need a practical formula for constructive and rational dialogue, which would lead to establishing an advanced approach for positive cooperation and hence, lay down the principles for joint action within the framework of the constitutional precepts, the executive regulations of the national assembly and all other applied laws and regulations, in particular, the use of parliamentary monitoring instruments, without affecting this right or conceding any jurisdiction, since cooperation does not involve purposeful or intentional confiscation of the constitutional right of the MP in grilling and interpellation, as it is in actual fact a constitutional requirement that neither discredits the assembly nor increases government control, it is represented in the correct application of the provisions of article (50) of the constitution which regulates the principle of segregation between the powers while cooperating and preventing the encroachment of one over the other, and the final paragraph of article(115) of the constitution which stipulates “ No MP shall hinder the function of the legal and the executive powers”.

**Venerable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,**

We are all requested to benefit from our parliamentary experience, and not repeat past actions of violating constitutional restraints that were endorsed by legislations of institutional functions, to prevent heavy consequences and threats to our vested rights and national resolve.

Since we have chosen responsible freedom and democracy through the legal channels as a framework and fixed approach, considering them indisputable rights that are not up for questioning, then the political movement in any society, provided it is within the legal parameters is a healthy indication of this society, and the results are no less than added value that contributes to the progress and prosperity of the country. However to exaggerate in politicizing matters and subjecting them to aims, objectives and short term interests at the expense of public interest; provoking chaos, unrest, libeling, and humiliating people instead of abiding by the law and respecting its standing, has become a source of concern for everyone, which can only entail division and disunity and a raging fire that will destroy all that is in its path. We cannot be lenient towards this, as we are responsible for a people and a country and the initiative calls for taking all measures and steps to guarantee the serious implementation of the law equally without exception, and maintaining our national unity, protecting our resolve, value and principles that the people of Kuwait have



upheld over generations, including the need for issuing legislations in this matter and we hope your esteemed assembly endorses it in the higher national interest.

Venerable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,

The Middle East and the Arabian Gulf region witness a grave and sensitive phase, filled with conflicts and clashes with their political, economic and factional dimensions. It is wise to realize that we are not detached from their ramifications and risks to our national security, hence, we must fill every gap that could jeopardize our security and unity, blocking the opportunity before those who wish to meddle in our country. As matters stand, we are in much need of self scrutiny in order to correct the course by righteous decisions, this puts the assembly and the government before their historical responsibilities of collective action towards protecting the elements of national security at present and future.

Venerable Speaker of the National Assembly,
Esteemed members,

Allah has charged us with the responsibility of Kuwait, there is no way but to establish the State of law and institutions, as no one is above the law and no power can override the other.

As for our legal system, it shall remain a place of pride and appreciation, and as always the leveler of justice in this dear land. The integrity and justice of its men is solid in enforcing justice, and it has long been the safe haven for citizens and expatriates alike.

We must interpret our information properly, and take confident steps, there is no need to be reckless when we are in dire need of cooperating, it is not wise to unrealistically exaggerate our aspirations and waste time when we have huge responsibilities at this fast moving phase, where we need conscious resolve, hearts abound with belief, knowledgeable minds and ties that link us as one.

Allah is witness to our true intentions, and strong commitment to confront difficulties and overcome difficulties to achieve the aspirations of welfare and prosperity for people.

May Allah grant us success, and amend our actions, and may our present be better than our past, and may He reward this country with opulence.

Wassalamu Alikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.