



The Address of His Highness the Prime Minister on the opening session of the cabinet

11 July 2006

**Esteemed Ministers,
Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,**

I am honored to carry out the request of His Highness the Amir to assume the position of Head of the Cabinet. It is with pride that I express my gratitude at the confidence he has placed in me. I also wish to express my appreciation to His Highness the Crown Prince for his support, blessings and guidance. I would also like to convey to you my esteemed colleagues, in the first of many constructive meetings, my appreciation for your acceptance to participate in sharing the burdens of this sensitive phase in the history of Kuwait, wishing all success in our endeavours to achieve our objectives and aspirations.

On this occasion, I can but commend the spirit of responsibility manifested in members of the previous government and thank them for their diligence and efforts in serving the country and its people.

Venerable members, we are all aware that ahead of us lays a new phase charged with challenges and requirements, laden with regional and international concerns. Thus, our responsibilities intensify, to persevere in keeping Kuwait safe and secure, a venue for freedom, justice and democracy, a state of law and institutions and a country with civilized accomplishments.

We are moving towards a bright future, guided by the teachings of Islam and our noble legacies as well as the wise directives of His Highness the Amir. Through adhering to the laws and the constitution, and fruitful cooperation with the assembly, we proceed on the road to comprehensive development with the support of our country men and women in our duties to attain what can be attainable of our aspirations.

I pray to Allah that He may grant us success in whatever awaits us, while confirming our determination to sacrifice and exert our utmost efforts staying true to the oath we undertook and the trust placed in us to preserve the interests of the country and attain the aspirations of its people now and in the future under the leadership of their Highnesses the Amir and the Crown Prince.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh