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Having seen the constitution; and

The Law No. (15) of 1960 promulgating the Commercial Companies
Law and the amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. (16) of 1960 promulgating the Penal Code and the
amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. (17) of 1960 promulgating the Penal Procedure Code
and all amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. (3) of 1961 promulgating the Press & Publication Law
and the amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. (32) of 1969 organizing the licensing of commercial
shops with all amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. (40) of 1972 concerning cassation appeals cases and
procedures with all amending laws thereto; and

The Law Decree No. (38) of 1980 promulgating the Civil & Commer-
cial Procedure Code with all amending laws thereto; and

The Law Decree No. (67) of 1980 promulgating the Civil Code, as
amended by the Law No. (15) of 1996; and

The Law Decree No. (20) of 1981 establishing a circuit at the Court of
First Instance to look into administrative disputes, as amended by the
Law No. (61) of 1982; and

The National Assembly ratified the following law which we hereby
sanction and promulgate:
INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER

Article (1)
The freedom of Press, printing and publishing is secured under the provisions of this law.

Article (2)
In application of the provisions of this law, the following terms denote the meaning specified against each of them:

The Papers: It denotes each writing, drawing, image or statement, whether merely expressed or accompanied with music or any other means of expression when it is made on a support by the normal traditional means or by any such other means or kept in a preserving, magnetic or electronic memory, or any other memory, which is prepared for circulation against a consideration or free of charge.

The printer: It denotes the natural or judicial person, who whether by himself or through other parties prints, copies or transcribes the printed papers, whether by means of any machinery or equipment used for the said purpose.

The Newspaper: It denotes any newspaper or magazine or any other printed paper, periodically published under one single name, regularly or irregularly, even if it is merely a translation or copied from any other printed paper.

The Editor in Chief: It denotes the editor in charge who is actually held responsible to control and supervise the newspaper and its contents on the ground of the responsibilities and functions entrusted to him by the licensee, holding the Newspaper’s publishing licence.

Deputy Editor in Chief: It denotes the editor who shall satisfy the requirements of the Editor in Chief and shall actually be held responsible to control and supervise the newspaper and its contents in the event of the Chief Editor’s absence.

The Publisher: It denotes the natural or judicial person who under-
takes the task and responsibility of preparing the printed papers for publishing and production or who undertakes the responsibility of its distribution and circulation.

**The Circulation:** It denotes the printed papers sale, or being offered for sale or distribution circulation or made as posters placard or bills to be fixed or stuck on any support such as a shop frontage, walls or any other items which may in any manner be within reach of a number of persons, whether for payable consideration or free of charge.

**The Writer:** It denotes any person who writes on the newspaper editorial pages regularly or irregularly.

**The Editor:** It denotes every professional editorialist or columnist, performing editing in a newspaper, such as journalist whether he is a correspondent, a news analyst, interviewer, a translator, a cartoonist, a draftsman or a photographer.

**The Competent Minster:** It denotes The Minster of Information.

**The Competent Ministry:** It denotes the Ministry of Information.

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**CHAPTER 1**

**PRINTED PAPERS**

**Article (3)**

Any person may establish or utilize a printing press, or open a shop or a business concern for selling, hiring, publishing, distributing or translating papers or an office for Advertising and Publicity or a firm for Artistic Production, in conformity with the stipulations of this law provisions, after having secured the required licence duly issued by the Competent Ministry.

The licence applicant shall as a condition satisfy the following requirements:

1. He shall be a Kuwaiti national, fully competent.
2. He shall be a good behaviour and well reputed, never condemned before for any offence involving moral turpitude or for breach of trust, unless he has been rehabilitated.

3. He shall, at least, have completed the Secondary education and obtained the General Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent, save the translation service activity where the applicant is required to be a holder of a suitable University Degree or its equivalent. However, the Competent Ministry may exempt from this condition any applicant of adequate experience in the field of activity where the licence is required to be issued for carrying on the pertinent service.

4. He shall be an owner or utilizor of a suitable site for the purpose of carrying on the activity. In case the licence applicant is a judicial person, then all the founders or shareholders shall be Kuwaiti citizens. Moreover, the preceding conditions as duly stipulated herein shall be satisfied by the person nominated to assume management of the activity.

The implementing regulations of this law shall specify the rules organizing the issuance of the said licences and the manner under which the licensed business concern and shops shall carry on their relevant activities.

Article (4)

Without prejudice to the stipulated conditions in the preceding Article, if the license is desirous to terminate or suspend the activity of the printing press or the licensed shop thereof or to change his name or domicile, he should then notify the competent Ministry in this respect.

The executive by law shall explain the organizing procedures for such notification and the reply thereto.

Article (5)

The licensee may assign his license to another person upon obtaining a prior written consent from the Competent Ministry according to the conditions and procedures in respect of which a resolution by the Min-
ister shall be issued.

In case of the death of the license, his heirs may request to transfer the license to them provided that one of them should be responsible for the management and he should fulfill the conditions stipulated in Article (3) hereinabove. Also, they may request to transfer the license to another person who satisfies such conditions, upon the approval of the competent ministry, within six months as from the date of death, otherwise, the license shall be deemed as expired.

Article (6)

The pressman, prior to undertaking the printing of any printed publication, shall submit a written notice in this respect to the competent ministry wherein he shall state his name and address.

Any non-periodic printed material may be printed, circulated and published provided that the name and address of the pressman, publisher and writer should be mentioned in either first or last page of the printed publication as well as the printing date. The pressman shall deposit two copies of the printed material with each of the competent ministry and Kuwait National Library, before the circulation and publication of the same, pursuant to the conditions and procedures explained in the executive by law.

Article (7)

The incoming publications from abroad may be entered, circulated or sold after being licensed by the competent ministry, upon verifying that they not containing any prohibited materials from publication, in accordance with the stipulated articles in chapter three of this law.

Without prejudice to any other harder penalty provided for in any other law, the local distributor shall be held liable in case of violation of any provision of this law and he shall be punished according to its provisions.
CHAPTER TWO
NEWSPAPER

Article (8)

Newspapers shall not be subject to any advance censorship.

Article (9)

No newspaper shall be issued unless the relevant license has been obtained from the competent ministry and such license should be granted only to the owner of an establishment or company. If the newspaper is a daily newspaper, it is a condition that the establishment or company capital should not be less than KD 250,000/-.  

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Law No. (15) of 1960 concerning the commercial companies and the amending laws thereto, the competent ministry shall appoint an auditor who shall examine and show the financial position of the accounts licensed establishment or company to publish a newspaper in accordance with the regulations and controls in respect of which a resolution by the competent minister shall be issued.

The license application shall be submitted to the competent ministry including the following particulars:-

1. The name of applicant, the date of his birth, the last academic qualification he obtained and his place of residence.

2. If the applicant is a company, the names of all the members of the Board of Directors and Management Headquarters should be mentioned in the application form.

3. The proposed name for the newspaper, the dates of its issuance, its form, purpose and whether it is political, social, cultural, artistic or otherwise as well as the language in which it shall be published. The name of the newspaper should not be similar to that of an already existing newspaper whose license is still valid.
4. The newspaper’s headquarters address and its printing location. Upon the approval of the competent ministry, one or more supplement of the relevant newspaper may be issued in the same issuance day of such newspaper provided that this approval should be secured before the issue.

Article (10)

The applicant of a newspaper license should fulfill the following conditions:-

1. He should be a Kuwaiti citizen who attained the age of 25 years old and of full eligibility.

2. He should be of good behaviour and conduct and not convicted in a crime that affects his honesty or integrity, unless he is rehabilitated.

3. He should have a higher degree following high school or its equivalents.

and If the applicant is a company, it is a condition that all the founders shall met the stipulated conditions in the first and second clauses of this Article.

Article (11)

The competent minister shall issue, within ninety days as from the submission date of the application, decision on the approval or rejection of granting the license. If the said period expired without issuing such a decision, then the application should be deemed as rejected.

The concerned party may appeal the final resolution issued in the rejection of granting the license before the administrative circuit in accordance with the provisions of the Law Decree No. 20 of 1981, within sixty days as from the date of being notified of such decision or as from the expiry date of the above period.
Article (12)

The newspaper license shall provide the ministry, within three months as from the date of being notified, with the following:-

1. A supporting document showing that he deposited with the treasury of the competent ministry a financial guarantee of KD 100,000/- if it is a daily newspaper and KD 25,000/- if it is otherwise. Also, he may provide instead of the financial guarantee an unconditional bank guarantee in favour of the competent ministry; and the concerned ministry may encash the warranty or guarantee for fulfilling the establishment, company or Editor-in-chief’s obligations or indemnities under this law. The license shall complete the guarantee within two months from the date of being notified in this respect by the concerned ministry.

2. The names of chief editor and his deputies and their written consent to accept that post.

3. Setting a date for issuing the first issue of the first newspaper provided that this date should not exceed one year as from the date of this statement.

4. Name of the printing press who will print the newspaper as well as a copy of the printing contract signed with it.

If the applicant failed to meet any of the stipulated obligations in the previous clauses, the license shall be deemed as cancelled by the forces of law, without need for taking any further action and the competent minister may extend the date to a period not more than one month.

Article (13)

Any leasing for the newspapers license shall be void; and also the sale or assignment of such license shall be null if it has been made without seeking the consent of the concerned ministry.
Article (14)

Without prejudice to any other cancellation causes contained herein newspaper licenses shall be cancelled by the force of law in the following cases:

1. If the newspaper ceased to be issued without an acceptable reason to the competent ministry for a period of more than three months for daily newspapers and six months for otherwise.

2. If the licensee is a body corporate whose legal capacity no longer exists for any reason, whatsoever.

3. If the licensee died and he has no legal heirs or if the heirs do not transfer the license, within six months as from the date of death and after the consent of the competent ministry to their own names or the name of any other person, with duly observing the provision of Article (10) hereinabove.

4. If the licensee lack any of articles (10) listed terms.

The concerned party shall be notified of the cancellation of his license in any of the cancellation of his license in any of abovementioned cases. In such a cases other than the aforesaid the newspaper license may be cancelled only by virtue of a final judgement issued by the competent court or upon the request of the licensee.

Article (15)

Without prejudice to the provision of the preceding Article, no newspaper license may be cancelled unless a final judgement by a competent court is rendered. The head of the criminal department or the judge of summary matters may, when necessary and pursuant to the request of the Public Prosecution, issue a resolution for suspending the newspapers issuance temporarily for a renewable period of not more than two weeks during the investigation or litigation procedures.

Article (16)

Every newspaper should have one Editor-in-chief or more who shall actually supervise all the newspaper or any division thereof. It is con-
ditioned that the Editor-in-chief shall meet the following:-

1. He should be a Kuwaiti national who attained thirty years age and enjoys full competence.

2. He should be of good manner and conduct and not convicted in a crime which affects his honesty or integrity, unless he is rehabilitated.

3. He should have a university degree or equivalent or has been exercising the profession regularly for a period of not less than five years, provided that his academic qualification should not be less than high school certificate or equivalent.

4. He should be dedicated for this work.

Article (17)

The Editor-in-chief should always be accurate and looks for the truth with regard to all news, information or data published by him.

However, the Editor-in-chief should publish, free of charge, any reply, correction or denial sent to him by the competent ministry or other governmental authorities or from anybody corporate or natural person whose name is mentioned or referred to in any writing, drawing or symbol published in the newspaper, within the date prescribed by the concerned authority and in the same place, same letters and font size in which the subject matter which is the question of the reply, correction or denial was published.

Article (18)

The representatives & correspondents of foreign newspapers and delegates of news agencies, radio & T.V. broadcasting stations shall obtain the necessary licenses from the competent ministry for exercising their activities in the State of Kuwait. The concerned ministry shall have the right to give precaution notice to the relevant representative, correspondent or delegate or cancel the license if it become proven that the news and information which he sent entail a contravention to the provisions of this law.
CHAPTER THREE
BANNED MATTERS FROM PUBLICATION IN PRINTED MATERIALS OR NEWSPAPER AND RELEVANT PENALITIES

Article (19)

It is strictly prohibited to touch on the almighty Allah, the Holy Quran, the Prophets, the Righteous Companions, Prophet’s Wives or Prophet’s Kinsfolk by way of insinuation, defamation, sarcasm, contempt or by any other manner of expression stipulated in Article (29) of the Law No. (31) of 1970 amending certain provisions of the Penal Code No. (16) of 1960.

Article (20)

It is strictly prohibited to deal with the personality of the Amir of Kuwait in any critical behaviour and no statement should be attributed to him unless a special permission from the Amiri Diwan is issued in this respect.

Article (21)

The publication of any of the following shall be prohibited:-

1. Any degradation or contempt to the constitution of the State.

2. Any humiliation or degradation to the judiciary stall, public prosecutors or anything deemed to constitute violation to the fairness and impartiality of the judiciary or its neutrality or to what is deemed to be confidential by the courts or investigation authorities.

3. Any violation to public morals or any investigation to violate the public order or contravention to the laws or committing crimes even if its does not take place.

4. Disclosure of confidential official communication and publishing the agreements and conventions concluded by the government of Kuwait prior to the publication of the same in the Official Gazette unless a special permission is obtained from the competent Ministry.
5. Any effect to the value of the national currency or any act that may affect the confidence in economic situation of the country or news on the bankruptcy of merchants, trading companies, banks or exchanges unless a special permission is issued by the competent court.

6. Disclosing the minutes of any meeting or any contents of any document, papers, or printings decided to be confidential and not for publication under the constitution or by the law, even if what has been published about them is right and correct. The publication should be limited to the official statements in this respect.

7. Touching the integrity of persons or their lives, or religious beliefs as well as encouraging hatred or degradation to any class of the society or publishing any information in their financial situations, or disclosing a secret which may impair their reputations, or wealth or their business name.

8. Touching the private life of the employee or whoever entrusted by a public service or attributing any incorrect statements or acts to him which entail any defamation or contempt to his character.

9. Causing damages to the established relations between Kuwait and other Arab or friendly countries if this is made through media campaigns.

10. Deviation by the specialized newspaper from the purpose for which the license is issued.

**Article (22)**

The publication of any commercial advertisements or otherwise may be prohibited, by virtue of a causative resolution by the competent minister, in conformity with the terms, conditions and controls in respect of which a resolution by the competent minister shall be issued.

**Article (23)**

The public prosecution shall have exclusive jurisdiction to carryout
the investigations, power of disposal & prosecution in respect of all crimes stipulated in this law, provided that a specialized prosecution shall be allocated for such crimes.

Article (24)

The criminal circuits at the court of first instance shall be the court of competent jurisdiction to look into all the criminal cases stipulated in this law, and its rendered judgements shall be appealed before the court of appeal.

The rendered judgements by the court of judge appeal may be appealed through cassation before the supreme court.

Article (25)

The penal cases related to the crimes stipulated herein shall forfeit if the public prosecution has not been notified thereof within three months as from the date of publication. Also, indemnity cases shall forfeit if they have not been filed within one year as from the date of publication, unless the penal case is existing whereby the forfeiture date shall commence as from the date of its expiry or the rendering of a final judgement in respect thereof.

Article (26)

Every violator to the provisions of the articles of chapter One herein shall be punished with a penalty of not less than Five Hundred Kuwaiti Dinars and not exceeding One Thousand Kuwaiti Dinars. If the printed paper contain what is contradictory to the public interest or serves a foreign authority or country, or touches the social or political order in Kuwait, then the penalty should be a penalty of not less than KD 3,000/- and not exceed KD 10,000/-, all that without prejudice to any harder penalty stipulated in any other law. In all cases, the rendered judgement should rule by confiscating the printed paper.

Article (27)

Without prejudice to any harder penalty stipulated in any other law,
each of the Editor-in-chief, article writer or author shall be punished by the following:

1. If the newspaper published any of the prohibited items stipulated in Article (19), he shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine not less than KD 5,000/- and not exceeding KD 20,000/- or with either of the two penalties.

2. If the newspaper published any of the prohibited items stipulated in Article (20), he shall be punished by a fine not less than KD 5,000/- and not exceeding KD 20,000/-

3. If the newspaper published any of the prohibited items stipulated in Article (21), he shall be punished by a fine not less than KD 3,000/- and not exceeding KD 10,000/-

4. He shall be punished by a fine not less than KD 1,000/- and not exceeding KD 3,000/-, for any other penalty to the provisions of Chapter Two of this law.

In any of the above mentioned cases, the penal court may order by canceling the license or suspending the newspaper for a period not exceeding one year, and confiscate the published issue, attachment of the original copy and destroying the same as well as closing up the utilized printing press for printing this issue.

**Article (28)**

If an incitement for a coup d'état against the existing government in the country and such an incitement comprises an instigation for changing the existing ruling system by force or through illegal methods, or calls for utilizing force for changing the existing economic system in the country, or calling for embracing such beliefs that aim at destroying the basic systems in the country through illegal methods, each of the Editor-in-chief and the article writer shall be punished by the prescribed penalty in Article (29) paragraph (1) of the Law No. (31) of 1970 on the amendment of certain provisions of the Penal Code No. (16) of 1960.
CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Article (29)

The competent minister shall issue a resolution concerning the audio & visual audio-visual publications, particularly the licensing system for the business concern utilized for printing, issuance and sale of such receptacles which are subject to this law provisions, their license fees, inspection & control over them and their closure administratively.

Also, the competent minister shall issue resolution concerning any amendments regarding the staff member who are entrusted to prove the contraventions committed against the provisions of this law, writing their relevant minutes and procedures and referring the same to the public prosecution.

Article (30)

The final judicial provisions and the resolutions related to the enforcement of this law shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Article (31)

The competent minister shall issue the executive bylaw and the necessary resolution for implementing the provisions of this law within a period of six months as from the date of its operation.

Article (32)

The Law No. (3) of 1961 promulgating the Press and publication Law shall be repealed.

Article (33)

The Prime Minister and the Ministers each within his jurisdiction shall
be operative as from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

AMIR OF Kuwait
SABAH AL-AHMAD AL JABER AL SABAH

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF
LAW NO. 3 OF 2006
ON PRESS & PUBLICATION

The freedom of expression is deemed to constitute one of the fundamental human rights. It secures, protects and maintains the rights of the constitution as provided for in Article 36 if the constitution, i.e. (the freedom of opinion and scientific research is secured. Every human being shall have the right to express his opinion and publish it in a statement or in writing or by other means in accordance with the conditions and stipulations prescribed in the Law). The security of freedom of expression is a sound basis, fundamentally originated in the democratic regime. However, its system is inevitably governed by law, but such system shall not have a restrictive cause hindering the process of its practice or delaying the purport of its significant elements.

The difference between the security of freedom of expression and the other freedoms which are secured by the constitution are deemed to be one of the most precise, exciting issues of prominence. The security of the freedom of expression by the constitution shall be diminished and decreased if such freedom has lost its social value or its practicing has been coupled with such acts which may threaten the freedom of citizens.

The various information media, including publications and publishing means are considered as image for freedom of expression. Consequently, the current technological development of media information, such as the broadcasting services, comprising T.V. radio and electronic information actively. Moreover, the publication is not merely restricted and kept within bounds of the news and political affairs, but extremely extended to all fields of Public and Private life.

The Press and Publication Law No. 3 was promulgated on 26th January 1961. During the years of its effective operation many amendments were included in the said law in the light of such instantaneous requirements, but those amendments are not quite adequate to the extent of being satisfactorily evaluating and organizing the press and publication affairs within its concept of thought and technological development.
Henceforth, starting from point and taking into account the expected development role of media and publication in its all various fields, in order to bridge the gaps of the legislative development organizing the same, thus the accompanying law is drafted and prepared accordingly.

The said law comprises five chapters, the first one is introductory and the other four chapters cover the affairs of publications, the newspaper, the papers restricted to be published, the relevant penalties and final provisions:

1st: The introductory chapter, where Article "1" therein, considerably tackles assuring the freedom of press and publication in accordance with this law provisions, while the stipulations of Article 2 thereof strictly control the terms used in the said law, and precisely prescribe the required meaning of the publication, the printer the Newspaper, the Editor in Chief and the Deputy Editor in Chief, The Publisher, The Writer, the Editor, the Competent Minister and the Ministry concerned.

2nd: Chapter "1" covers the provisions relating to publications where Articles 3 and 4 stipulate and organize the requirements of licence application to establish or utilize a Printing Press, or a shop or business concern for selling or hiring publications, or for publishing, distributing and translating the same, or for opening an office for publicity and advertising or establishing a firm for artistic production. Scope of this law provisions, and the conditions required for the licence applicant whether he is a natural person or a registered company, the procedure of terminating the license, and the penalties for violation.
Also, it is permissible to print, circulate and publish any non-
regular printed paper provided that the name of the pressman, pub-
lisher and writer should be mentioned therein, in addition to lodg-
ing two copies of the printed paper with each of the competent min-
istry and the Kuwait National Library prior to its circulation and
publication, in accordance with the conditions & procedures ex-
plained in the executive bylaw. Article (7) allows for the entry and
circulation of such printed publications coming from abroad after
duly licensing the same by the competent ministry, upon verifying
that they do not contain any banned materials form publication in
conformity with the stipulated articles in Chapter Three of this law.
Also, it holds the local distributor liable for any violation to the
provisions of this law and he shall be punished according to its pro-
visions, without prejudice to any harder penalty stipulated in an-
other law.

3rd: Chapter two contains many provisions that concern newspapers,
where Article (8) of the law confirmed the non-subjugation of
newspapers for any advance censorship, and Article (9) explained
that no person shall be entitled to issue any newspaper unless he
obtains the relevant license from the competent authority; and that
the license should be granted only to the owner of an establishment
or company with a capital not less than KD 250,000/-.

Articles (9) and (10) setforth the conditions for obtaining a li-
cense for issuing a newspaper which are related to the applicant
and the authority to which the application should be submitted and
the enclosures to be attached to the license application,Article (11)
allowed the competent minister to issue a refusal or approval deci-
sion to the application within (90) days as from the date of submis-
sion. Also, this article organizes the appeal procedures against the
issued resolution on the rejection of the application before the ad-
ministrative circuit, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in
the Law Decree No. (20) of 1981; and it determined a period of sixty
days as from the date of notification of the resolution or as form the
expiry date of the above ninety days period for appealing this resolu-
tion. Article (12) of the financial guarantee that should be de-
posited by the licensee with the ministry’s treasury or the bank
guarantee as well as the period during which it should be provided.

Also it specified the names of the Editor-in-chief and his depu-
ties and the date of issuing the first issue which should not exceed one year as from the date of submission of this statement; and if further provided for the name of the printing press who prints the newspaper. In the conclusion of this article, it provided that the license should be deemed as cancelled by the force of law if he failed to perform any of the obligations prescribed in the preceding clauses and it also authorized the minister to extend the date to a period not exceeding one month.

**Article (13)** stipulates that any hiring for the newspaper issuance license shall be deemed as void, and this shall be applicable also to the sale or assignment of the license if made without the consent of the competent ministry. **Article (14)** of the law stated a provision represented by the cancellation of the license in certain cases specified by this article. Also, this article binds the competent ministry to notify the concerned party of the cancellation of the license in any of the cases referred to in this article. It further added that in cases other than these exclusive ones, the newspaper license shall be canceled only by virtue of a final judgement to be rendered by the competent court or upon the request of the licensee. **Article (15)** of the law provided that no newspaper license shall be cancelled unless a final judgment by the competent court is issued, and it authorizes the head of the criminal circuit or the judge of summary matters, when necessary, and upon the request of the public prosecution, to temporarily suspend the issuance of the newspaper for a renewable period of two weeks during the investigation course at the public prosecution or during the investigation course at the public prosecution or during the court proceedings. As for **Articles 16 and 17** of the law, they provided for the provisions related to the conditions to be satisfied by the Editor-in-chief and his duties. **Article (18)** stipulates for the necessity for the representatives and correspondents of foreign newspapers and the delegates of news agencies, radio & T.V. broadcasting stations that they should obtain a license from the competent ministry for exercising their activities in the State of Kuwait.

**4th:** Chapter three of the law the prohibited printed publications to be published in the printed paper or newspaper and the relevant penalties thereto. **Article (19)** of the law prohibits any touching to al-
mighty Allah, the Holy Quran, Prophets, the Righteous Companions, Prophet’s Wives or Prophet’s Kinsfolk by way of insinuation, defamation, sarcasm, contempt or by any other manner of expression stipulated in Article (29) of the Law No. (31) of 1970 on the amendment of certain provisions of the Penal Code No. (16) of 1960. The companions here means whoever saw the Prophet and who believes in him and died while believing in this especially his wives and members of his kinsfolk; and his kinsfolk here means of members of his family, his relatives who believe in him who were living in his time and saw him during his life.

Article (20) mentioned that his highness the Amir connot be criticized or to be ascribed any speech without written permission by his highness Diwan. Article (21) in its turn, listed the forbidden publishing issues.

Article (22) of the law authorities the competent minister issue a causative resolution for prohibiting the publication of any commercial advertisements or otherwise in conformity with the conditions and controls in respect of which a resolution by the minister shall be issued. Article (23) of the law specified the competent authority who shall be responsible for carrying out the investigations, power of disposal and prosecution exclusively, provided that a special prosecution shall be allocated for these crimes. Article (24) of the law provides for jurisdiction of the criminal circuits at the court of first instance to look into all criminal cases stipulated in this law. Its rendered judgements shall be appealed before the court of appeal while the cassation appeals shall be filed to the supreme court.

Article (25) of the law provides for the penal case forfeiture periods for the crimes stipulated in this law as well s insinuation cases. Article (26) provides for the penalties related to the violation of the provisions of this law, without prejudice to any harder penalty stipulated in any other law. Article (27) provides for the penalties to be applicable to the Editor-in-chief, article writer or author when they violate the banning stipulated in articles (19, 20, 21) of the law, without prejudice to any harder penalty provided for in any other law.

Also, it authorities the penal court, in any of these cases, to order by the cancellation of the license or suspending the newspaper for a period not exceeding one year. If the published publications contain
an incitement for a coup d’état against the system of the government in the country, Article (28) of the law provides for the punishment of the Editor-in-chief and article writer by the stipulated penalty in Article (29) Paragraph (1) of the Law No. (31) of 1970 amending certain provisions of the Penal Code.

**5th:** Chapter four of this law contains concluding provisions, where Article (29) authorities the Competent Minister to promulgate a resolution regarding the audio & visual and audio-visual publications as well as a resolution for appointing the staff members who are authorized to prove the contraventions which may be committed in violation to the provisions of this law, writing their minutes & procedures and referring the same to the Public Prosecution.

Article (30) provides for publishing the judicial resolutions & provisions related to the enforcement of this law in the Official Gazette, whereas Article (31) authorizes the Competent Minister to issue the executive by law and necessary resolutions for implementing the provisions of this law within a period of six months as form the date of its coming into force.

Article (32) the law No (3) of 1961 promulgating the press and publication law shall be repealed

Article (33) stipulates that this law shall be operative as from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
Ministry of Information

Resolution No. (52) of 2006
On the Executive By-Law of Press & Publication Law

The Minister of Information:

Having perused the Law No. 3 of 2006 on Printing & Publication;

Hereby decided:

Article 1

In the application of the provisions of this By-Law, the following terms shall denote the meanings specified against each of them:

Newspaper Supplement: Shall mean every published item to be issued separately with the newspaper for denoting a certain topic or for covering a certain occasion or incident.

The Distributor: Shall mean the natural person or body corporate who undertakes the task of distribution or circulation of publications.

The Law: Shall mean the Law No. (3) of 2006 referred to hereinafter.

The Ministry: The Ministry of Information.

The Competent Authority at the Ministry: Shall mean Press & Publication Sector.
First: Publications

Article 2

It is conditional that for obtaining a license for the establishment or utilization of a printing press or opening a shop for selling or hiring printed matters or publications or distribution or translation or publicity & advertisement office or an artistic production firm, the license applicant shall meet the conditions stipulated in Article (3) of the Law; and he shall submit the application in the form specially prepared for that purpose which shall be accompanied with the following documents:

1. Copy of Nationality Certificate and Identity Card.

2. Copy of Criminal Status Record which shows that no penal judgment was rendered against him in any crime that may prejudice his integrity or honesty, unless he is rehabilitated, along with providing an official certificate to this effect.

3. Copy of Academic Qualifications according to the following:
   - Copy of at least the secondary school certificate or its equivalent.
   - Copy of the appropriate university degree or its equivalent if the license application is for exercising translation activity.

The Ministry may exempt from the academic qualification condition those who are having a practical experience of not less than three years in the field of the activity for which exercise the license is required to be issued, provided that the supporting document should be presented.

Article 3

The licensee shall advise the Competent Authority at the Ministry, according to the form specially prepared for this purpose, in the following cases:
1. Any change which may occur in the information included in the license application.
2. Termination, suspension or stopping the activity on which the license was issued.
3. Change of the domicile or premises where the activity is licensed to be practiced or the change of its name.

The reply to such advice notice within sixty days as from the date of its submission, and the lapse of such a term without issuing a decision in this respect shall be deemed as rejection.

**Article 4**

The licensee may apply for the assignment of the license to another person pursuant to the following procedures, terms & conditions:

1. Submitting an assignment application to the Competent Authority at the Ministry.

2. The assignee shall meet the conditions provided for in Article (3) of this Law and the supporting documents thereto should be presented.

3. Acceptance of the assignee.

The Ministry’s decision on the approval or rejection shall be issued within sixty days as from the date of submitting the application that satisfies all the required documents. The lapse of such a term without issuing a decision shall be deemed as rejection.

**Article 5**

Upon the death of the licensee, his heirs or whoever legally represents them, shall advise the Ministry in writing within 30 days from the date of death, as per the form which is specially prepared for this purpose which shall be accompanied with a copy of the death certificate.

**Article 6**

The heirs may apply for the transfer of the license to them and select one of them to be responsible for the management, provided that he shall meet all the terms & conditions required under the Law after completion of the prescribed procedures in this By-Law.
Also, the heirs may apply for the transfer of the license to another person who meets all the required conditions and in the same procedures mentioned above.

The application for the license transfer shall be submitted within two months from the date of death. In all cases, the Ministry approval shall be issued within six months as from the date of the death of the licensee, otherwise, the license shall be deemed as terminated under the Law provisions.

**Article 7**

The license shall be deemed as terminated if the licensee died and he has no legal heir or if the licensee is a body corporate whose legal entity has forfeited for any reason whatsoever.

**Article 8**

The printing party, before he undertakes the printing of and printed matter, shall submit a notice on this respect according to the form specially prepared for this purpose to the Competent Authority at the Ministry.
at the Ministry. The approval application shall be submitted according to the form specially prepared for this purpose, duly accompanied with two copies of the printed matter in question.

The Competent Authority at the Ministry shall issue a decision on such approval after verifying that the publications are not containing any materials whose publication is prohibited under the law and not violating the public order and morals. The Competent Authority at the Ministry may in this case refer the printed matter before a committee to be formed by the Ministry who shall undertake the examination of the publication and submit a recommendation in its opinion thereon.

**Second: Newspaper**

**Article 11**

A license for issuing a newspaper shall be granted only to the owner of an establishment or company among whose purposes falls the printing, publication and distribution of newspapers, and a supporting document issued in this respect by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry shall be presented.

If the license application is for issuing a daily newspaper, it is conditioned that a certificate from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry showing that the capital of such establishment or company is not less than KD250,000/- (Kuwaiti Dinars Two Hundred Fifty Thousand) shall be presented.

**Article 12**

The license application shall be submitted to the Competent Authority at the Ministry according to the form specially prepared for that purpose and comprising the information provided for in **Article (9)** of the Law.

Also, the form shall be accompanied with the prescribed documents in the first and second paragraphs of **Article (2)** of this By-Law together with determining the address of the newspaper management headquarters, its printing location and the proving documents thereto.

**Article 13**

If the license applicant is a company, it is conditioned that the pre-
scribed documents in the first and second paragraphs of Article (2) of this By-Law shall be presented for all founders as well as the following documents:

1. Copy of the company’s Articles of Association.
2. Certificate of its registration in the Commercial Registry.
3. A certificate from the Companies Department at the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in the names of the company’s Board of Directors or the managing body.

**Article 14**

The Competent Authority at the Ministry may refer the license application to such a committee who shall study the application and verify that it satisfies the prescribed conditions in the law and the specified procedures under this By-Law, and submit a recommendation to the Minister in this respect.

**Article 15**

The Minister, within ninety days from the date of submitting the application, shall issue a resolution on the approval or rejection of granting the license, and it shall be notified to the license applicant by virtue of a recommended letter with acknowledgment of receipt at the fixed address in the license application. The license applicant shall be deemed as being notified of the resolution immediately upon delivery of the said letter. The lapse of such a term without issuing a decision shall be deemed as rejection.

**Article 16**

The licensed person to issue a newspaper shall complete the information stated in Article (12) of the law according to the form specially prepared for this purpose within three months as from the date of being notified of the approval to issue the license, and he shall attach the following documents:

1. A certificate from the Ministry’s treasury showing that he has deposited the financial guarantee provided for in Article (12) hereinafter or a bank guarantee addressed to the Ministry free of any restriction.
2. Copy of the contract signed between the licensee and the printing press who shall print the paper.

3. Names of each of Editor-In-Chief, his deputies and their written consents on their acceptance of this post.

4. Provision of the documents related to the Editor-In-Chief which are prescribed in the first and second paragraphs of Article (2) of this By-Law in addition to the following:

   a) Copy of the university degree obtained by him or the equivalent or any other certificate which proves that he is regularly practicing this profession for a period of not less than Five (5) Years, provided that his academic qualifications shall not be less than the General Secondary School or the equivalent.

   b) A declaration made by him which shows that he is dedicated for this work.

The Minister may extend the previous period for not more than one month upon the request of the licensee which shall comprise the reasons of such delay.

Article 17

The name of the newspaper, its printer, publisher editor-in-chief, issue number and date shall all be written in a clear place.

Article 18

No one or more supplement to the newspaper may be issued unless the Ministry’s consent is sought before the issuance, according to the following conditions:

1. Submission of an application to the Competent Authority at the Ministry according to the form specially prepared for that purpose.

2. The supplement shall be issued in the same day in which the newspaper is issued.
3. The purpose for issuing the supplement shall be for focusing on a specific topic or covering a certain occasion or incident.

4. It shall be distributed with the newspaper without extra charges.

5. The supplement shall bear the same name of the newspaper as well as the other information required in it by the law.

**Article 19**

The Ministry shall appoint an auditor for auditing the accounting statements and show the financial position of the licensed establishment or company to issue the newspaper. Also, he shall have the right in this connection to peruse the books, records, accounts and documents of the newspaper. The licensee shall keep regular books & records on the accounts of the newspaper and its financial position which he shall provide to the Ministry immediately upon request; and he shall enable the auditor to peruse the same.

**Article 20**

The licensee shall comply with the decisions issued by the Ministry relating to the prescribed percentages of national manpower which shall be employed by his newspaper as well as the specified procedures for this purpose by the competent authorities.

**Article 21**

The license may be sold or assigned only upon getting the Ministry's approval to a written application to be submitted to it according to the form specially prepared for this purpose and pursuant to the following rules & regulations:

1. The buyer or assignee shall meet the same conditions provided for in Article 10 of the law together with complying with the procedures stipulated in this By-Law.
2. The application shall be accompanied with all the documents related to the buyer or assignee which are mentioned in the first and second paragraphs of Article (2) of this By-Law.
3. Payment of the financial guarantee stipulated in Article 12 of the law if not previously paid.

The Ministry's decision on the approval or rejection shall be issued within sixty days as from the date of submitting the application that satisfies all the required documents.

Any selling or assignment to be made without the Ministry's consent shall be null.

**Article 22**

The newspaper license shall be canceled under law provisions if it ceased to be published, permanently or temporarily, without an acceptable excuse to the Ministry for a period of more than three months for the daily newspaper and six months for other papers; and the licensee shall deposit three copies of the printed matter with the competent authority.

Without prejudice to the other license cancellation reasons provided for in the law, the Ministry may approve the stopping of the license issuance for such period(s) not exceeding the prescribed period in the law if the licensee submitted a written application to this effect and showed an acceptable justification to the Ministry.

**Article 23**

In the event of the death of the licensee, his heirs or whoever legally represents them, shall advise the Ministry in writing within 30 days from the date of death, which shall be accompanied with a copy of the death certificate.

The heirs may apply for the transfer of the license to them or to another person, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 10 of the law and after meeting the specified procedures in this By-Law.

The application for the license transfer shall be submitted within two months from the date of death. In all cases, the Ministry approval shall
be issued within six months as from the date of the death of the licensee, otherwise, the license shall be deemed as terminated under the Law provisions.

The license shall be deemed as terminated under law provisions if the licensee died and he has no legal heir.

Article 24

The Competent Authority at the Ministry shall advise the concerned parties about its resolution on the cancellation of the license in any of the cases referred to in Article 14 of the law by virtue of a recommended letter with acknowledgment of receipt at the fixed address in the license application; and this resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Article 25

The representatives and correspondents of the foreign newspapers, news agents, correspondents of foreign Radio and TV channel correspondents shall get the necessary license from the Ministry for exercising their activity in the State of Kuwait, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The license application for news agencies and the correspondents of radio and TV channels affiliated to official foreign entities shall be submitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, without prejudice to reciprocal treatment condition.

As for the license applications related the news agencies and the correspondents of radio and TV channels which are affiliated to non-official foreign entities shall be certified by the embassy of the State of Kuwait in the country where the headquarters of the said entities is located before submitting the same to the Ministry of Information.

2. The license application shall consist of the following information:

a) The name of the agency, newspaper, magazine, TV or radio, its head office and nationality.
b) The name of the office manager or correspondent and a copy of the employment contract with the entity for which he works duly certified by the embassy of the State of Kuwait in the country where the headquarters of the said entity is located, this for non-official foreign entities.

c) Providing the supporting document which indicates that the entity is having an office in Kuwait for exercising the activity stated in the license application.

d) Stating the language or languages in which the news will be broadcasted.

e) Statement of the names of the employees who will work in the office indicating the date & place of birth, current place of residence, occupation and nationality of each.

The Ministry's decision on the approval or rejection of the license application shall be issued within sixty days as from the date of its receipt by it. The lapse of such a term without issuing a decision shall be deemed as rejection.

The license will be granted for two years period which will be renewable for similar period(s) provided that the renewal application shall be submitted to the Ministry at least three months prior to the expiry of the license.

Article 26

This By-Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and it shall be operative as from the date of its publication.

Minister of Information
Mohammad Nasser Al Sanousi

Issued on: 9th Ramadan, 1427 Hijri, Corresponding to: 1st October, 2006 A.D.
Ministry of Information

Resolution No. (53) of 2006
On Audio & Visual and Audio-Visual Publications

The Minister of Information:

Having perused the Commercial Companies Law Promulgated by Law No. 15 of 1960 and the amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. 32 of 1969 organizing the commercial shop licenses and the amending laws thereto; and

The Law No. 3 of 2006 on Printing & Publication; and

The Decree Promulgated on 7th January, 1979 on the Ministry of Information; and

Resolution No. (52) promulgating the Executive By-Law of Law No. 3 of 2006 on Printing & Publication;

Hereby decides:

Article 1

In the application of the provisions of this Resolution, the following terms shall denote the meanings specified against each of them:

The Publications: Shall mean the audio & visual and audio-visual publications.

The Law: Shall mean the law no. 3 of 2006 referred to hereinabove.


Article 2

The provisions of this resolution shall be enforceable to the audio & visual and audio-visual publications which are registered or recorded in cassettes, CDs or any other technological media as well as to the licensed entities to exercise the activity of their production, copying, imaging, recording, leasing, displaying, selling or utilizing the same in any other means.

First: Publications

Article 3

The Competent Authority shall undertake the granting of licenses for the production of publications or recording, distributing, leasing, circulation, offering for sale, selling or copying them for the purpose of utilization. The license number shall be registered in all copies of such publication.

Article 4

The license applicant who performs any of the activities provided for in Article 3 hereinabove shall submit an application to the Competent Authority in the form specially prepared for this purpose:

The license application shall be accompanied by the following:

1. A proving document showing that he is licensed to practice the activity.

2. The supporting documents that prove the license applicant to the publications.

3. Two (2) copies of the printed matter required to be licensed.

4. Copy of the deposit certificate with Kuwait National Library if the printed matter is published for the first time.
Article 5

The Competent Authority shall prepare records for every type of the publications wherein there shall be entered the publication license applications and these applications shall be registered in the records under serial numbers according to the date of receipt of every one. A special file shall be prepared for every license application in which all papers, documents and copies related to the printed matter.

Article 6

The Competent Authority, upon examining the license application for any printed matter, shall observe that it shall not consist of anything contrary to the public order or public morals and it shall determine whether it is to be published according to the regulations or not.
1. Copy of Nationality Certificate.
2. Copy of Criminal Status Record which shows that no penal judgment was rendered against him in any crime that may prejudice his integrity or honesty, unless he is rehabilitated.
3. Copy of at least the secondary school certificate or its equivalent. However, the Ministry may exempt from the academic qualification condition those who are having a practical experience of not less than five years in the field of the activity for which exercise the license is required to be issued, provided that the supporting document should be presented.
4. Copy of contract of utilization or title deed of the activity practicing premises.
5. Copy of registration certificate with the Commercial Registry.
6. If the license applicant is a body corporate, the above documents shall be provided with regard to the members of the board of directors of shareholding companies as well as for those who are having the right of management in other companies.

**Article 9**

The Competent Authority in the Ministry shall prepare a record for entering the license applications for exercising the activity in which such applications shall be registered in serial numbers according to the date of receipt of every application. A special file shall be prepared for every license application in which all the papers & documents related to that application.

**Article 10**

The license for exercising the activity shall be granted in the form specially prepared for this purpose and it shall consist of sufficient information about the establishment and the type of activity, upon payment of the prescribed fees in the fees schedule attached herewith.
The licensee shall advise the Competent Authority at the Ministry of any change which may occur in the license.

**Article 11**

The duration of this license shall be two years as from the date of its issuance and it shall be renewable for similar periods according to the prescribed conditions in the law and the provisions of this resolution.

**Article 12**

The Competent Authority shall issue the decisions concerning administrative lockouts for any shop that exercises an activity which is subject to the provisions of this resolution if their violation to the law provisions is proven. The closure decision may be precedent by a written notice on the contravention by the necessity of complying with the previous provisions.

**Article 13**

The Minister of Information shall delegate the necessary officers for implementing this resolution who shall have the right to enter the shops that exercise any of the activities which are subject to this resolution so as to ensure that no contraventions to the provisions of the law are being committed and to control the violating incidents, the materials which are the subject matter of the violation and thereafter write the necessary minutes. Also, they may seek the assistance of the competent authorities for performing their duties, when necessary.

**Article 14**

The previous provisions shall apply to license renewal applications which were issued before the enforcement of this resolution.
**Article 15**

This resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**Minister of Information**

Mohammad Nasser Al Sanousi

Issued on: 10th Ramadan, 1427 Hijri,  
Corresponding to: 2nd October, 2006 A.D.

**Schedule of Prescribed Fees against the Services**  
Provided by Ministry of Information  
Attached to Ministerial Resolution No. (53) of 2006

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Applicant's Name
Signature
Date
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Lodging of Printed Matter

Name of Printed Matter: ......................................................

Writer's Name: .............................. Address: .................

Publisher's Name: .............................. Address: .................

Printing Press Name: ................. Address & License No. ........

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Applicant's Name : .........................

Signature : ................................................

Date : ................................................
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Application No.: Date:

Application for Printing Press Establishment License

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve a license for establishment/utilization of a printing press as per the following required information:

First:
Applicant Name: Nationality:
Civil Number: Date:
Last Academic Qualification:
Experience (if any):
Printing Press Name:
Printing Press Management Address:

Second:
Name of Official: ......... Nationality: ......... Date of Birth: .........
            Civil No. ......... Last Academic Qualification: ............
            Experience (if any): ........................................
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Third:
Names of partners if applicant is a company (board members if shareholding company):

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Applicant's Name: .........................
Signature: .................................
Date: .................................
Enclosures:
- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
- Experience Certificate (if any)

If the applicant is a company:
- The above documents shall be provided for publication manager.
- Copy of Nationality Certificate for all partners (board members if shareholding company)
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Notice on Termination/Suspension of a Printing Press

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve and order the concerned parties to terminate/suspend the activity of the printing press as follows:

Printing Press name: ..................................................

License No.: .................. Date: ..............................

Action to be taken: ..................................................

1. Suspension of Printing Press Activity for: ......................
2. Termination of Printing Press Activity: ..........................

Termination/Suspension Reasons:

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- .............................................................................

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with best regard

Applicant’s Name: ..........................
Signature: ..........................
Date: .............................
State of Kuwait  
Ministry of Information  
Press & Publication Sector  

Application No.:  

Date:  

Application for Issuing Translation Office License  

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,  

Dear Sir,  

Please kindly approve for granting Mr./Est./Co..........................  

A license for establishing a translation office as per the following required information:  

First:  
Applicant Name: Nationality:  
Civil Number: Date of birth:  
Last Academic Qualification: Authority & Date:  
Experience (if any):  
Office Name:  
Office Management Address:  

Second:  
Name of Official: ......... Nationality: ......... Date of Birth: .........  

Civil No. .......... Last Academic Qualification: .............  
Experience (if any).................................  
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Third:  
Names of partners if applicant is a company (board members if shareholding company):  

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- ........................................................................  
- ........................................................................  
- ........................................................................  

Applicant’s Name : .........................  
Signature : .................................  
Date : ........................................
Enclosures:
- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
- Experience Certificate (if any)

If the applicant is a company:
- The above documents shall be provided for publication manager.
- Copy of Nationality Certificate for all partners (board members if shareholding company)
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Application No.: Date:

Application for Publicity & Advertisement Office License – Artistic Production Enterprise

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve for granting Mr./Est./Co........................................

A license for establishing Publicity & Advertisement Office – Artistic Production Enterprise as per the following required information:

First:
Applicant Name: Nationality:
Civil Number: Date of birth:
Last Academic Qualification: Authority & Date:
Experience (if any):
Office or Firm Name:
Office/Firm Management Address:

Second:
Name of Official: ....... Nationality: ....... Date of Birth: .......
Civil No. ................. Last Academic Qualification: ...........
Experience (if any)..............................................................

Third:
Names of partners if applicant is a company (board members if shareholding company):


Applicant’s Name: ..............
Signature: ......................
Date: ............................
Enclosures:

- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
- Experience Certificate (if any)

If the applicant is a company:

- The above documents shall be provided for publication manager.
- Copy of Nationality Certificate for all partners (board members if shareholding company)
State of Kuwait  
Ministry of Information  
Press & Publication Sector

No.:  
Application No.:  
Date:  

Application for Issuing License for Opening a Shop for Selling or Leasing Printed Items, Publication or Distribution

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,
Please kindly approve for granting Mr./Est./Co. .......................  
A license for Opening a Shop for Selling or Leasing Printed Items, Publication or Distribution as per the following required information:

First:  
Applicant Name:  Nationality:  
Civil Number:  Date of birth:  
Last Academic Qualification:  Authority & Date:  
Experience (if any):  

Second:  
License No.: (Est./Co.) .......................  
Shop No.: ..................  C.R. No.: ..............  Date: ..................  
Shop Address & Location: ............  Tel. ...............  Fax: ...............  

Third:  
Name of Official: ............  Nationality: ............  Date of Birth: ............  
Civil No. ............  Last Academic Qualification: ............  
Experience (if any) .......................  

Applicant's Name: ...............  
Signature: ...............  
Date: ...............
Enclosures:

- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
- Experience Certificate (if any)

If the applicant is a company:

- The above documents shall be provided for publication manager.
- Copy of Nationality Certificate for all partners (board members if shareholding company)
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Notice on Termination/Suspension of a Shop for Selling or Leasing
Printed Items, Publication or Distribution

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve and order the concerned party to terminate/ suspend the shop activity as follows:

Shop Name: .......................................................... Date: ............
License No.: ................................................ Date: ............
Action required to be taken: ..................................................
1. Shop activity shall be suspended for: ............................
2. Termination of shop activity:

Reasons of suspension/termination:

- ...........................................................................
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With Best Regards,,

Applicant's Name : .................................
Signature : ...........................................
Date : .............................................
Notice on Termination/Suspension of Publicity & Advertisement Office – Artistic Production Firm

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,
Please kindly approve and order the concerned party to terminate/suspend the office/firm activity as follows:

Office/Firm Name: .................................................................
License No.: .................................................. Date: ..........
Action required to be taken: ................................................
1. Office/Firm activity shall be suspended for: ......................
2. Termination of office/firm activity:

Reasons of suspension/termination:

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With Best Regards,

Applicant’s Name: ..................................................
Signature: ..........................................................
Date: .............................................................
Date:

Notice on Termination/Suspension of Translation Office

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve and order the concerned party to terminate/ suspend the translation office activity as follows:

Translation Office Name: ............................................................
License No.: .......................................................... Date: ..............
Action required to be taken: ..........................................................
1. Office activity shall be suspended for: ...........................................
2. Termination of office activity:

Reasons of suspension/termination:

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With Best Regards,

Applicant's Name : ...........................................
Signature : ...........................................
Date : .............................................
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Application Form for Newspaper Issuance

Applicant establishment/company ..........................................................
Management Premises ...........................................................................
License No.: ......................................................................................
Capital: .........................................................

Names of partners (names of board members in shareholding companies):

1................................ Age: ........... Qualification...........................
2................................ Age: ........... Qualification...........................
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Name of Applicant: ........................................ Capacity: ..................

Civil No.: ......................... Date of Birth: .....................
Address: .......................................................................................
Academic Qualification: ......................................................... Date ....

Tel. No.: ......................... Mobile No.: ................... Fax No. :

P.O. Box. ......................... P. Code.: ......................

E-mail:  .......................................................................................
Newspaper proposed name: .......................... Issue Date: ..................
Newspaper Shape: ..........................................................................
Newspaper purpose: ........................................................................
Newspaper language: .........................................................................
Newspaper management address and printing place: ..........................
Issuing Date of Newspaper First Issue: .............................................

Applicant:
Name : ........................................
Signature: ........................................
Date: ........................................

Enclosures:
- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Copy of civil Id card
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification

For Companies:
- The above documents shall be provided for board members of shareholding companies.
- Copy of Company Memorandum of Association.
- Certificate of registration with commercial registry.
- Certificate on the names of board members to be issued by Companies Department at Ministry of Commerce & Industry (for shareholding companies).

Warning:
* Original shall be provided to be compared and maintained.
* Newspaper name shall not violate the law provisions or the public order or public morals. Also, it shall not be identical or similar to the name of another newspaper in a confusing way.
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Declaration & Undertaking

I, the undersigned, ........................................... a Kuwaiti national and holder of Civil ID Card No. ................................... declare and undertake as follows:

1. I will comply with the provisions of Press & Publication Law No. 3 of 2006, its Executive By-Law, the necessary resolutions on the implementation of its provisions and any amendments which may occur therein.

2. I will notify the competent authority in the Ministry of any changes which may occur in the information stated in the forms and applications related to the license for a period of 15 days from the date of such change.

3. I will observe all the laws, rules & regulations and resolutions related to the prescribed percentages for national manpower employment.

4. I will submit an application in case of suspending the issuing of the newspaper for a specific or non-specific period comprising the relevant reasons.

Name ............................................
Signature ....................................... 
Date .............................................
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Data Completion Form
Of Application For Newspaper License Issuance

1. Name of Licensee:..........................................................
   Name of Applicant:......................................................
   Designation:..................................................................
   Civil No.:.............................. Date of Birth:..................

2. No. of License Application:...........................................

3. Date of Approval of License Application:.........................

4. Name of Editor-in Chief:..............................................

5. Name of Deputy Editor-in-Chief: .................................

6. Newspaper Management Address: .................................

7. Newspaper Printing Place: ...........................................

Applicant:

Name : .................................................................
Signature : ...............................................................
Date : .................................................................

Form No. (13)
Enclosures:

- A letter of written consent from the Editor-in-Chief on his acceptance of being the newspaper's Editor-in-Chief.

- A Letter of written consent from the Deputy Editor-in-Chief on his acceptance of being the Deputy Editor-in-Chief.

- Copy of the printing contract signed with the printing press who will print the newspaper.

- A certificate showing the deposit of the financial guarantee provided for in the law in the Ministry's treasury in addition to a bank guarantee certificate addressed to the Ministry, free of any restriction.

- Declaration & Undertaking form of the licensee.

Warning:
Date:

Declaration & Undertaking
On Acceptance of Newspaper Editor-in-Chief Post

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

I, the undersigned, ......................................... a Kuwaiti national and holder of Civil ID Card No. ....... Date of Birth: ....... , holding the last academic qualification of ......................................... do hereby declare that I accept to hold the post of the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper .......................................................... as from ......................... entrusted to me by the licensee Mr./M/s Company..........................................................

and I do hereby undertake and declare my actual responsibility for and supervision on this newspaper together with its contents upon the entrustment granted to me by the licensee, according to the provisions of printing and publication law No. 3 of 2006, its Executive By-Law, the necessary resolutions on the implementation of its provisions and any amendments which may occur therein.

Also, I do hereby undertake and declare that I will be dedicated to my task as the Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper.

Executant:

Name : ..............................................
Signature : ........................................
Date : ...........................................

Form No. (14)
Enclosures:

- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Copy of Civil ID Card
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
- Experience Certificate (if any)
Date:

Declaration & Undertaking
On Acceptance of Newspaper Deputy Editor-in-Chief Post

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

I, the undersigned, .............................................. a Kuwaiti national and holder of Civil ID Card No. ............... Date of Birth: .........., holding the last academic qualification of .................................. do hereby declare that I accept to hold the post of the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper .............................................................. as from .................................. entrusted to me by the licensee Mr./M/s .............................................................. Company and I do hereby undertake and declare my actual responsibility for and supervision on this newspaper together with its contents during the absence of the Editor-in-Chief, according to the provisions of printing and publication law No. 3 of 2006, its Executive By-Law, the necessary resolutions on the implementation of its provisions and any amendments which may occur therein.

Executant:

Name : ........................................
Signature : ........................................
Date : ........................................
Enclosures:

- Copy of Nationality Certificate
- Copy of Civil ID Card
- Criminal Status Record
- Copy of the Last Academic Qualification
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### Local Press Affairs Department – Deposition Form

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### Note:

The licensee shall deposit three copies of the printed matter with the Ministry pursuant to Article (22) of the Executive By-Law of Press & Publication Law.

Competent Officer : ..........................  
Signature : ..........................
Date;

Declaration & Undertaking
On Issuance of Newspaper Supplement

I, the undersigned, ...................................... a Kuwaiti national
the Editor-in-Chief of ..................... newspaper, in case of issuing
a press supplement, do hereby declare and undertake as follows:

1. I will comply with the specified date for the supplement issuing.

2. I will not deviate from the purpose and subject specified for the supplement.

3. The supplement shall be distributed with the newspaper without extra charges.

4. The supplement shall bear the name of the newspaper and the other information required therein by the law.

Signature ........................................

Date ........................................
Notice on the Change of Information

The Undersecretary for Press & Publication Affairs,

Dear Sir,

Please kindly approve and order the concerned parties to change the information in respect of which the license was issued as follows:

License No.: ...................... Date: ......................

Firm name: ..............................

Activity Type: ..............................

The data required to be changed (changes):

1. ..................................................
2. ..................................................
3. ..................................................

With Best Regards,,

Applicant:

Name : ......................
Signature : ......................
Date : ......................
State of Kuwait
Ministry of Information
Press & Publication Sector

Date:

Declaration & Undertaking

I, the undersigned, ........................................ a Kuwaiti national and holder of Civil ID Card No. ........................ declare and undertake as follows:

1. I will comply with the provisions of Press & Publication Law No. 3 of 2006, its Executive By-Law, the necessary resolutions on the implementation of its provisions and any amendments which may subsequently occur therein.

2. I will notify the Ministry of any changes which may occur in the information stated in the submitted license application form within 15 days from the date of such change.

3. I will observe all the laws, rules & regulations and resolutions related to the prescribed percentages for national manpower employment.

Name: ........................................
Signature: ........................................
Date: ........................................