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Mangaf

Still in need of a clean up



Streets flooded by the heavy rains in mid November remained caked with mud and debris while potholes and flying gravel and garbage piles can be found everywhere in Mangaf in the weeks afterwards. — Photos by Joseph Shagra and Faten Omar

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One of the residential areas of Kuwait most affected by the rains last November was Mangaf. Home to tens of thousands of people as well as shops, offices and businesses, Mangaf suffered the brunt of the flooding with entire streets submerged and the main bridge/tunnel closed for several days.

As part of our occasional series exploring various areas of Kuwait, Kuwait Times regularly visits areas to learn their features and understand the challenges they face. In Mangaf, in the week after the rains, the challenge was clear: mud and

mess everywhere. Streets were potholed and flying gravel meant cars faced numerous hazards just driving through the area. Debris and rubble from the flood streets stood in abandoned piles on corners and near garbage bins.

Two months later and Kuwait Times visited again, hopeful that the place had been cleaned up. Unfortunately, when you walk Mangaf streets, you still can see the potholes caused by the structural failure of the roads due to the accumulation of water. Most of the area's streets were ruined while several holes in main roads caused a collection of new water.

Abdulaziz Al-Mulaifi, a resident of Mangaf, told Kuwait Times most residents lived through a terrifying night, worry-

