



More than two months after heavy rains flooded Mangaf, the area remains in need of a clean up and infrastructure development. Cracked and broken asphalt pothole on the surface of a crumbling road remains two months after massive rainfall flooded Mangaf.



ing about their homes, cars, and children.

"Although Kuwait has a lot of potentials, we still suffer from the same problems every year. Pumps drained the water from the Mangaf tunnel, which was also damaged two years ago. But they never fixed the main problems. One day, the drainage systems may not be able to absorb a large amount of rainwater, and God forbid, nearby homes may be deluged," he said.

Mulaifi expressed his happiness to see young volunteers who rushed to help others, along with public officials and firefighters, who were the first at the scene. "Although Mangaf was most affected by the rain that disrupted traffic and threatened the lives of motorists, I was happy to see the youth who offered a helping hand to anyone in need."

For Meshaal Al-Houti, submerged roads are not something new for Mangaf. He said his grandfather told him the area had witnessed similar flooding when heavy rain fell in 1975. "My grandfather said Mangaf's roads filled with rainwater, and this was filmed by a photographer named Fawaz Jamaan Al-

Otaibi. Winter in Kuwait in those days was colder, according to my grandfather," he said.

Mangaf has a large concentration of shops in an area locally known as Al Azeeziya selling mobile phones, computers, etc. There are also many fast food restaurants. But as residents then and now point out, Mangaf's infrastructure is creaking because of the large number of cafes, gyms and health clubs, along with a large number of expatriate residents who call the area home. Mangaf is a mixed development area with private, investment and commercial housing.

"Unfortunately, there is no interest in providing public utilities in the area, which has become neglected. The streets are broken. There are many public and private schools spread between buildings, causing traffic that is difficult to deal with," said Amer Harbi, another resident.

He said Mangaf has mainly become a commercial area now, adding the roads should be re-planned and expanded. He added that many yards are full of trash and there are no public facilities to serve the people of the area.

