# Reflections

AT ebb time I wrote a few lines upon the shore, and gave them all my heart and all my soul..at tide time I returned to read what I had inscribed and found my ignorance upon the shore.."iubran khalil"

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Passing by Aby Ghazaleh Buildings in Abdali, you can not miss the huge signs hanging on its walls, an arabic one that says:" baqoona hona", which means WE ARE STAYING HERE, and another big font web address: www.amaneh.net

Very, very clever indeed.

The website, as anyone who has a little background about Abu Ghazaleh's case with the municipality would expect, explains the problem from Abu Ghazaleh Group's point of view.

The address they chose for the website, the huge signs hanging from their buildings, their former huge signs that they put up in the beginning of the case that said: "laisat lil bai3"-NOT FOR SALE, is simply brilliant, straight forward campaigning!

Personally, I think the municipality went wrong here.

You can try and buy someone's property, you can insist and keep trying till you make them an offer they can't refuse, but it is totally unprofessional and unethical to harass them till they have no other option than giving in.

The public opinion seems to be upset about the issue for the simple reason that the municiplaity is working as a very blast go-between, for the benefit of Al Hariri's investments. It is a sign of corruption and injustice, and not much clarification has been done on the part of the Municipality to clear their stance on this. I am not sure though, if they can justify the hasty acts they took against the group, like sabotaging their signs at night, long after working hours. Pretty childish, I have to say and diminishes their chances of regaining public trust. And not that it's acceptable to do this to any jordanian establishment, but this is Talal Abu Ghazaleh, one of the most respected Arab figures, recognized by the UN, and the world, and holder of the Decoration of Independance, isn't there a more refined way of negotiating with him?

In spite of the fact that a lot is happening in Amman, wether we approve of it or not, but Amman is in for a big boom that everyone will benefit from, in different degrees, of course! The Municipality could have saved face by acting wiser on this one.

Check out the website, it's pretty interesting!

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