## Advocates of Women's Political Rights

Badria al-Awadhi, former Dean at Kuwait University, faculty of law, believes that all Kuwaitis have equal rights under the constitution and women are ready to assume a political role. She adds that those who deny Kuwaiti women their rights are not just.

Dalal al-Ghanim, public relations manager, states that Kuwaiti women will not give up the fight until they win their rights.

Loulua al-Qutami, founder and president of Women's Cultural and Social Association, believes that article 29 of the Constitution assures equal rights for women. She attempted to register as a voter on the basis of this article.

Noreya al-Saddani, a strong campaigner for women's political rights, believes that women are a decisive factor in society, but at the same time they still feel inferior because of the way they are brought up.

Fatima al-Issa, President of Nadi al-Fatat, believes that the Fatwa (ruling) is contradictory and women should continue their struggle in order to gain the right to vote in the next session of the Kuwaiti parliament.

**Fadila Doaij al-Sabah,** a prominent lawyer, believes that Kuwaiti women have the potential, and hold high posts (office) in the Ministries, they are capable of voting and being elected.

**Dalal al-Zein,** President of Women's Committee at the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society, states that women have played a vital role, though indirectly, in the choice of deputies for the next four-year term of the fifty member assembly.

Fawziya al-Bahr, a successful engineer, believes that it is time to acknowledge the need for the participation of all members of the society in the process of economic and social development.



Fadila al-Sabah (From Assavad)



Dalal al-Zein (From Assayad)



Fawziya al-Bahr (From Assavad)

**Dr. Maasoumah al-Mubarak,** states that the results of the elections have been a success for women if one considers the recommendations that were suggested by some deputy members who won the elections. She feels disappointed that women do not have the right to vote, but she also has high hopes in the next session.

**Dr. Rasha al-Sabah,** Dean at the University of Kuwait, advocates that Kuwaiti women can take part in the formulation of the country's future only if they are given their political electoral rights.