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QATAR: SWEET EPIDEMIC

VIDEO

RIVER FRONT/MAN MADE

ISLAND THE PEARL

SHOPPING MALLS

CONSTRUCTION/PEARL

FAMILIES SHOPPING AT PEARL

YACHTS PARKED

ABDULRAZAQ ON-CAMERA

IN HIS CHAIR/MOVING

ABDULRAZAQ AT HOME

RESTAURANTS

MANAL ON-CAM

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Qatar's bounty of wealth has transformed the lives of many from a nomadic lifestyle ...to one of luxury... and leisure. (7.5)

But this shift in lifestyle has come at a significant price // one that's affecting the health of some 215,000 people.

ABDULRAZAQ: (In Arabic) M

"...Before I used to go normally in the car without any problems. But now, I have to use a wheelchair." (11.5)

NARRATION:

Abdulrazaq was 25 years old when he was diagnosed with diabetes – a condition in which there are high levels of sugar in the blood. Known as the "silent killer", a staggering twenty percent of the nation's population is living with the disease. (16)

MANAL MUSSALAM: (In English) F

"I can't say there is any family without a diabetic

CROWDED STREET

patient in Qatar.” (3.5)

NARRATION:

PEOPLE IN STREET
RIDING IN CARS

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 350 million people worldwide – almost 5% of the world’s population – are living with the disease. It’s estimated that this number could double within the next 20 years. (16.5)

LIFESTYLES

MANAL: (In English) F

RESTAURANTS

“Before the foods in the Gulf area were mostly rice and meat... now there are so many varieties of foods...” (7.5)

MANAL ON-CAMERA

NARRATION:

ABDULRAZAQ WITH
MEDICATIONS

Once a talented sportsman, at 52, Abdulrazaq is now confined to his home, leaving only to go to the hospital for frequent medical checks and treatment. He’s also relegated to a lifetime of prescription medications, injections, and constant monitoring of his blood sugar levels. (18.5)

ABDULRAZAQ

NARRATION:

GENETIC TESTING

Alarmed by the rapid spread of the disease, The Qatari Government is working with international partners to find a cure. And through genetic analysis, it hopes to determine a person’s likelihood of developing the disease. (14)

ABDULRAZAQ IN HOSPITAL BED

And while there’s hope for the future, for now Abdulrazaq is on a waiting list for a kidney transplant. Without this operation, his chances of survival remain slim. (11.5)