

## **Kuwaiti official calls for re-examining health policies**

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Assistant Health Undersecretary for planning and information affairs and guidance, Walid Al-Falah, stressed importance Friday of re-examining health policies to stop financial losses resulting from treatment negatively affecting the society.

Al-Falah told KUNA many diseases were now threatening the society and became a burden on the country's financial budget, adding that among the most alarming syndrome affecting our society is obesity.

Obesity has become one of the most risky syndromes leading to dangerous diseases like cancer and heart problems, Al-Falah said.

The official explained the ministry has included the syndrome among its main issues or topics which it will tackle in its distribution of press guidance.

Kuwait which currently exceeds most European countries in obesity cases and ranks at the top among in its 12-17 year old age category, Al-Falah added.

Heart disease in Kuwait is also considered increasing in an alarming way as a result of bad eating habits and ceremonial food gatherings.