

*A Finger in the Wound- Human Trafficking for Organs  
from Migrants and Refugees*  
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# Pope Francis Calls for Migrant Protection in Morocco



‘Human Trafficking is an open wound on the on the body of society and a scourge upon the body of Christ’

*- Pope Francis Addressing the Conference on Combating Human Trafficking April 2014*





# *A Finger in the Wound*





The world is facing catastrophic migrations caused by political turmoil, war, environmental disasters, climate warms, floods



## MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ARE IN GRAVE DANGER OF ORGAN TRAFFICKING

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime has filed 700 incidents of organ trafficking among migrants and refugees from Africa and the Middle East, especially from Syria

African and Bedouin migrants in Egypt sold their kidneys to pay for passage to Europe - 2018 UN report.



Nearly 4.3 million Syrian refugees are registered with the UN, a number not seen for decades. One in five Syrians is a refugee in the neighboring countries Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Egypt, while approximately 6.5 million Syrians are refugees within their own country. Syrians have been targeted by organ traffickers for more than a decade



## Syrian refugees have long been a target of organ trafficking

Raid, 19 year old Syrian refugee was recruited to sell his kidney to help his family in a detention camp in Lebanon. The trafficker promised to help Raid after he paid him his kidney money. But once he had the cash the trafficker said: 'I don't care whether you live or die'.



BORIS Wolfman a kidney trafficker was arrested in Turkey in 2015 – He worked for a criminal syndicate led by Zaki Shapira and Yusef Sonmez . Wolfman recruited Syrian and Palestinian kidney sellers in various detention centers in the middle east and elsewhere



*Salah G., 23, a bonded SYRIAN worker for a royal family Qatar was trafficked with the family to the US where he was coerced to give his kidney to a young princess at the Cleveland Clinic*

Surgeons hide behind doctor-patient confidentiality

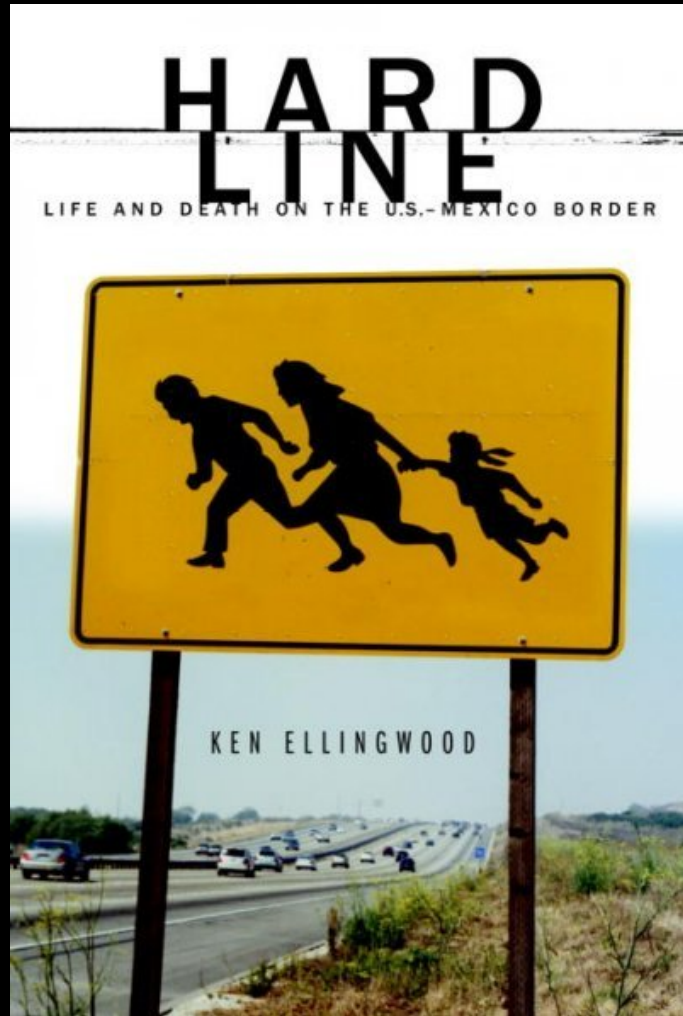
'We cannot share the details of his medical care and treatment, but we are satisfied that Mr. X's medical record is contradictory to his legal statements.'

- Medical Director, Renal Transplant, Cleveland Clinic





# Death & Organ Trafficking of Migrants Crossing the US-Mexico Border



## US IMMIGRATION Policy: DEATHS in the Land of OPEN GRAVES

ICE policy forces migrants to take hostile paths – where they die easily of dehydration, snake bites, rape and homicides. The rationale of ICE is more deaths will deter migrants from considering the trek. October 2000 to 2014: the remains of 2,721 migrant border crossers were found by archeologists in the desert on the US-Arizona border

Refugees from Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador are fleeing every day from political chaos, drug trafficking, violence, gangs, and police violence and fear of organ trafficking. Children are among those who die in the attempt





## Allegations of Drug and Organ Trafficking in the US- Mexico borderlands

In 2014 Mexico Police arrested members of the Knights Templar, a drug cartel in Michoacán suspected of kidnapping children to harvest their organ - Associated Press · Mar 17, 2014



In 2015 Drug trafficker Gaspar arrested by Mexican police as a leader of an organs trafficking cartel

# America's Dirty War Against Migrant Families and their Children



Some 15,000 migrant children have been separated from their parents and placed in detention . US policy is cruel and unusual – a crime against humanity

# Honduran Migrant Child's Drawing in US Detention

Some judges have allowed separated children to be adopted by American families- a new traffic in children





# A Moral Abomination US Immigration Separation of Migrant Parents and Caging Migrant Children



A Ray of Light: Sanctuary Cities that ignore US Immigration laws by extending hospitality to migrants and to undocumented persons as in Berkeley, California

Protection of Undocumented Migrants by local governments

Catholic churches

Medical clinics and hospitals

Schools and Universities

Hospitality Centers

Legal Aid for migrants & Refugees





# The University of California Berkeley has admitted 500 new undocumented migrants as students with fellowships

UCB Chancellor Carol Christ has allocated \$800,000 for grants for migrant students

**UC Berkeley to allocate \$800K for undocumented students' needs, pending UCOP approval**



BY ELENA AGUIRRE | STAFF

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UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ has promised to establish a new space on campus for undocumented students by early March.

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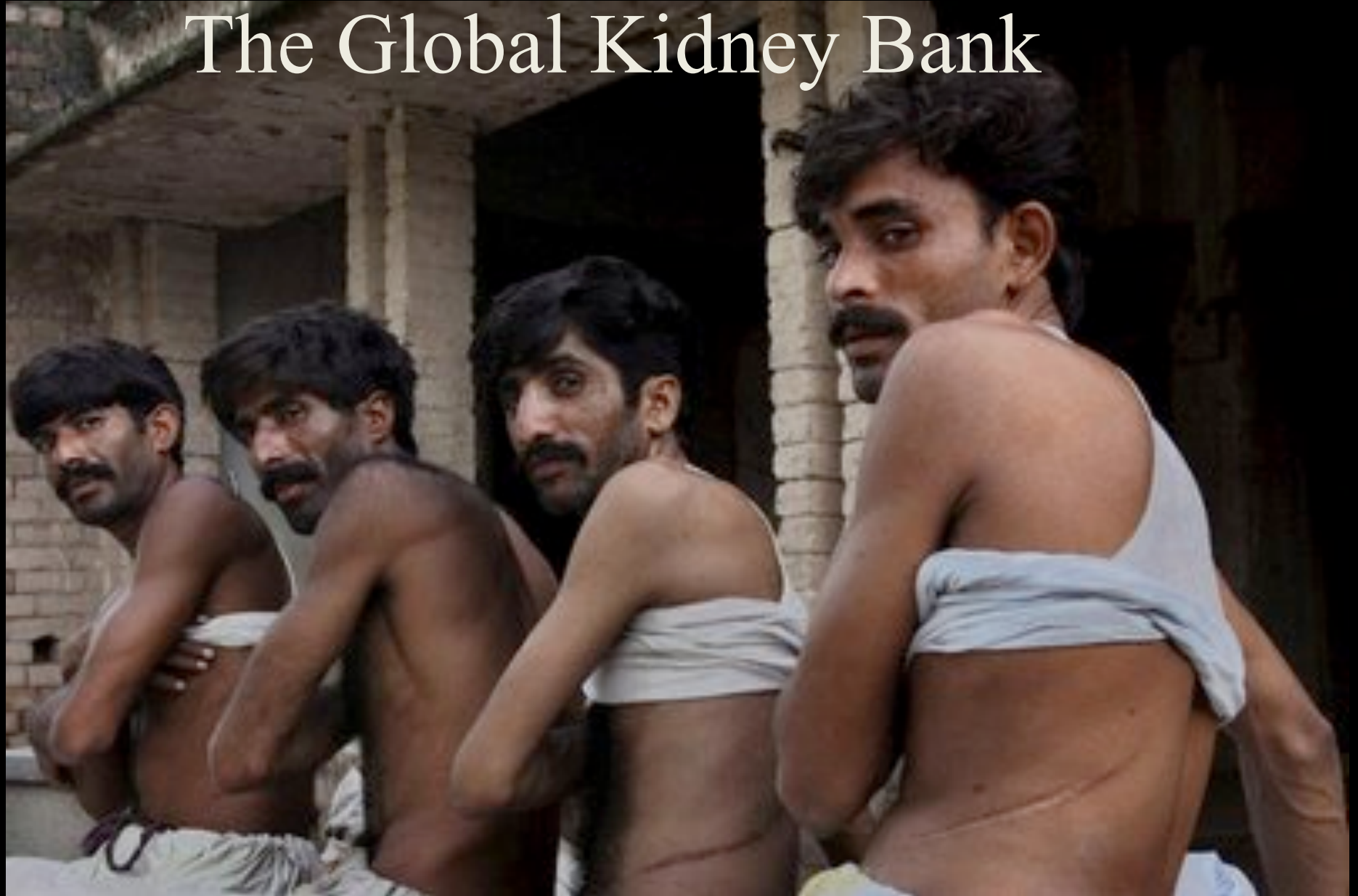
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# Definition of Organ Trafficking

Organ Trafficking is the recruitment, transport, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons who have been trafficked for the purpose of organ removal by means of threat, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, or exploitation of vulnerability, or receiving benefits by a third party [a broker] for the purpose of exploitation via the removal of organs for transplantation

# The Global Kidney Bank



# Transplant Trafficking Requires

- Patients willing to travel great distances and face adverse medical and legal consequences
- Desperate kidney sellers
- Traffickers: Organ Brokers, Kidney Traffickers
- Complicit Hospitals, blood labs
- Insurance companies who cover transplant tours
- Lax and indifferent Regulatory Agencies
- Police and Military Protection
- **\*\*SURGEONS: Who Has the Knife?**



## SUPPLY & DEMAND

*WANTED: “Kidney Donor-- healthy, white , male 20-30, non-smoker, blood group O positive. Donor Suitably Rewarded- Reply - Box 202,Jerusalem) ”*

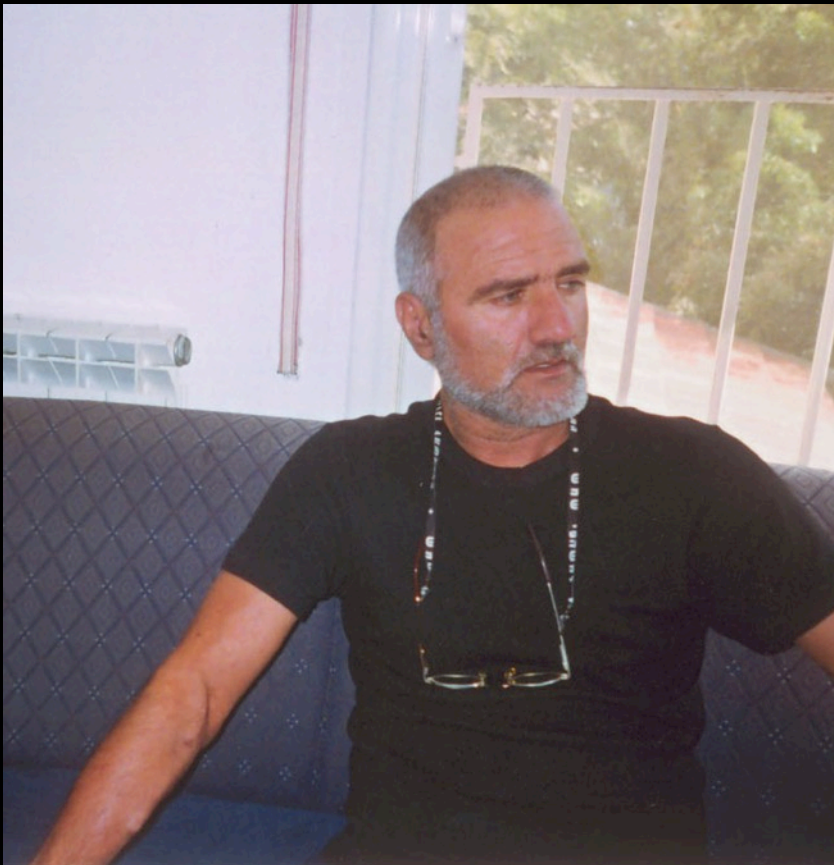
*FOR SALE: “I, Manuel da Silva, 38 , father of 3, am ready to sell any organ of which I have two and the removal of which will not cause my immediate death ” - Diario de Pernambuco, (Recife, Brazil )*



## Transplant Tourists- Should they be Held Culpable?

Moshe Tati died 4 years after his illegal transplant in Turkey .  
Dov Rosen purchased a kidney from a Roma (Gypsy) in Romania.

‘What’s a Kidney? What’s A Chicken? We buy them and we consume them. The man who sold me his kidney would have sold me his son. These are not moral people’.





## Surgeon and Organs Trafficker- Untouchable

Dr. Yusuf Sonmez , Dr. Vulture, is proud of his crimes.. He claims to have saved the lives of more than 2,000 kidney patients who had paid him \$180,00 US dollars for their illegal transplants. No concern for his trafficked kidney sellers – “They are not my patients”- they are contract workers’. He is wanted by Interpol, and the International War Tribunal in the Hague. He has always always escaped prosecution.





A Victim of Sonmez: Yilmaz Altun, was trafficked to the Medicus Clinic in Kosovo . He collapsed in the airport in Pristina in 2008. He told airport police that a Turkish surgeon had taken his kidney. He refused help and we do not know if he lived or died...



Delayed Justice. Organ Trafficker Moshe Harel Arrested April 3 2019 in Cyprus years after being sought by Interpol for his role in the Medicus Organ Trafficking scandal in Kosovo in 2008



# Commodifying Lives and Bodies

“Sending six domestic water filters – first one should arrive at X airport tomorrow for pick up”

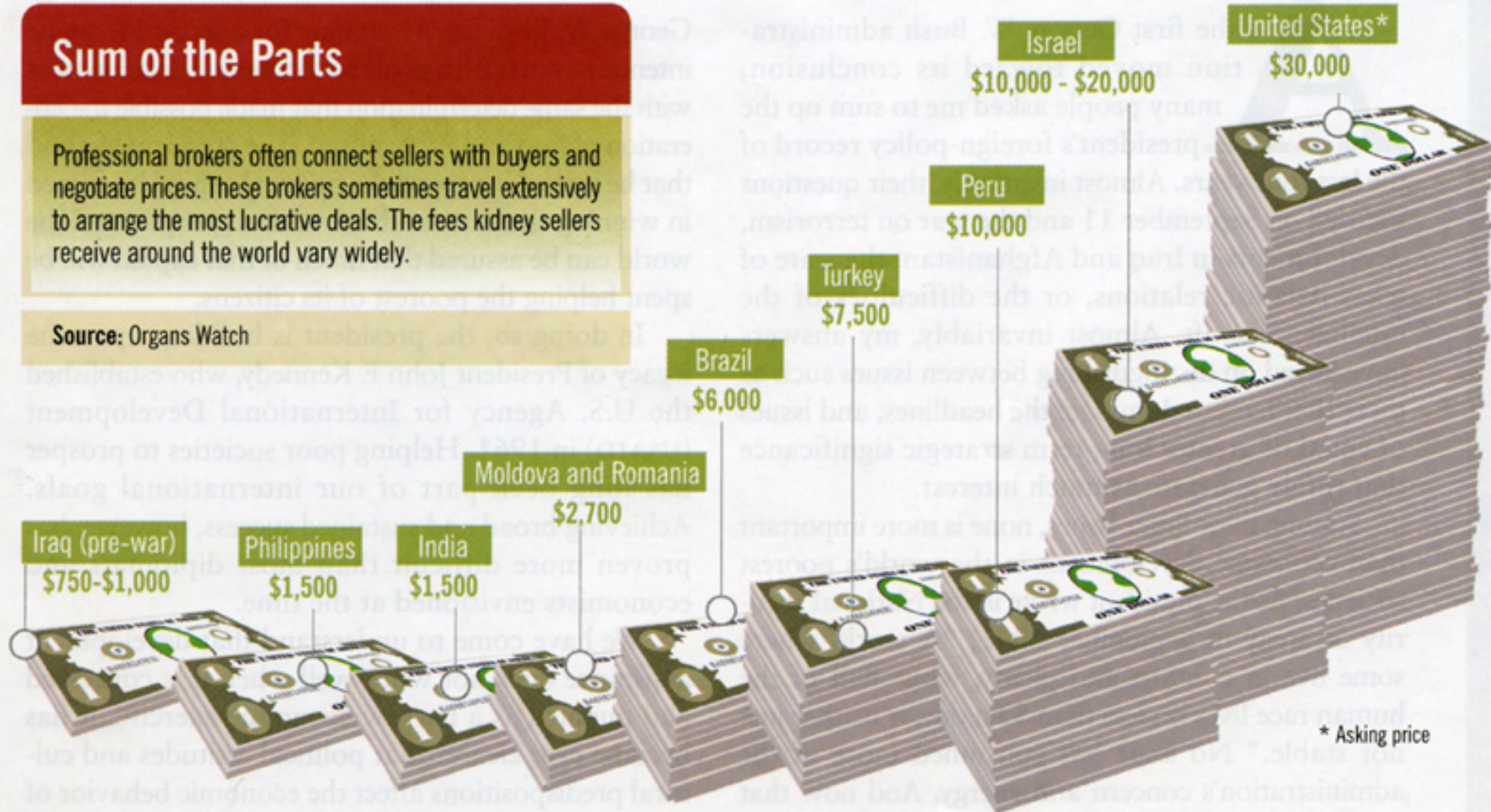
- Fax sent to a US transplant surgeon by an Israeli kidney broker, describing the arrival of 6 trafficked kidney sellers to arrive by plane to be used in illegal transplants



## Sum of the Parts

Professional brokers often connect sellers with buyers and negotiate prices. These brokers sometimes travel extensively to arrange the most lucrative deals. The fees kidney sellers receive around the world vary widely.

Source: Organs Watch



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**Kidney Trafficking is Largely a Traffic in Young Men**



Vladimir was one of 38 young men who were trafficked from rural villages in Moldova. He was only 17 when he agreed to travel to Turkey where his kidney was removed/ he never recovered and his father never forgave him

Vlad's grave in Mingir. His Dad wants to kill the local trafficker





Niculae was trafficked to Turkey from Mingir – he was told by a local doctor that his single kidney was failing



Viorel was angry and wanted to kill the 'dog' of a surgeon who stole his kidney in Istanbul



## Who is the Perpetrator? Who is the Victim?

Ray recruited his own relatives to sell a kidney in a slum in Manila. But Ray like many local brokers began his career as a kidney seller and he was recruited by a local transplant surgeon





## Father Antoine, Russian Orthodox priest in Mingir, Modova



“So many of our young men have sold their kidneys.. In selling their kidneys they also selling their soul. By losing their health and their strength they can no longer pray or keep Lent like good Christians...But I blame the traffickers who deceived them.. May God forgive them”



# Prosecutions Are Necessary But Prosecuting Organs Trafficking is a Headache



- Since 2004 several prosecutions of organs trafficking in Brazil, South Africa, India, Moldova, Kosovo, Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, and Costa Rica.
- Difficulties with different jurisdictions, extraditions, treaties, delay and confuse arrests and prosecutions

# The Rosenbaum Kidney Trafficking Syndicate



*Rosenbaum's Partners in Crime included Zaki Shapira (Israel), Ilan Peri, Sammy Shem-Tov, Tevia, and the "Charity Organization, he founded – Kav L'Chaim*



*ROSENBAUM CASE: First & only Prosecution of Organ Trafficking in the United States. Levy Isaac Rosenbaum was arrested in 2009 seven years after I informed FBI and Congress about hundreds of illegal transplants Rosenbaum arranged in US hospitals using trafficked 'kidney sellers from Israel's ethnic minorities . He plea bargained for just 3 cases of "organ brokering , conspiracy, money laundering but not for Human Trafficking*





Rosenbaum with his lawyer Richard Finkel after he was sentenced to 30 months in a low security prison (Fort Dix) followed by three years of supervised release. He paid a fine of \$5,000 in addition to a forfeiture of \$420,000 – for the 3 cases of his guilty plea bargain. Rosenbaum had trafficked and managed hundreds of illegal transplants in US hospitals

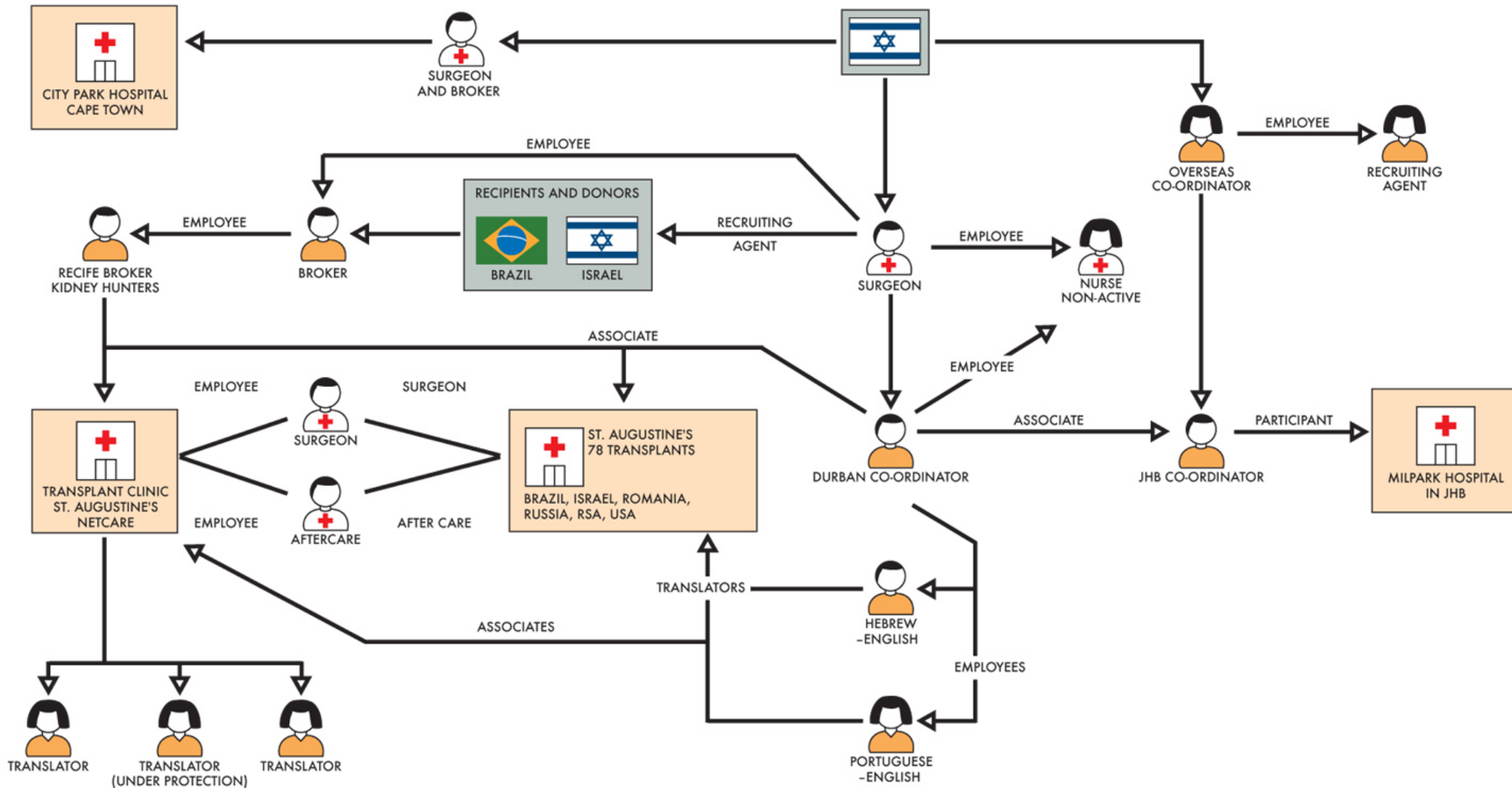


*THE DEFENSE ARGUED THAT  
“THE TRANSPLANT SURGERIES TOOK  
PLACE IN PRESTIGIOUS HOSPITALS  
WITH EXPERIENCED AND EXPERT  
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SURGEONS.  
THE RECIPIENTS ARE NOW LEADING  
FULL AND HEALTHY LIVES”*

Elan Quick, a Black Hebrew, was recruited by Rosenbaum's trafficked my brokers a in Israel. Elan was unemployed at the time and was deceived by the trafficker who accompanied him to the hospital in Minnesota where he was to 'donate' a kidney to an elderly man. Elan became frightened and told the broker and the surgeons that he did not want to go through the surgery – those were the last words he said. He realized that he realizes that he had been trafficked . In the courtroom in New Jersey the Judge dismissed Elan and said: "You were paid and got something out of the deal". There was compassion for Rosenbaum and no empathy for the victim



# International Organ Trafficking Scheme : Israel-Brazil- USA,







**BROOKLYN, N.Y.**

The husband of a **48-year-old woman** hears about the ring from relatives in Israel. She pays a little more than \$60,000 for the kidney.

**TEL AVIV, ISRAEL**

**Ilan Peri**, leader of this particular ring, coordinates the kidney exchange, authorities say.

## Kidney Trafficking

A Brooklyn woman received a kidney in South Africa from a Brazilian man as part of a global chain of organ traffickers.

**RECIFE, BRAZIL**

**Ivan Bonifacio da Silva**, a Brazilian, recruits **Alberty José da Silva** to provide a kidney for \$6,000. He is put in contact with **Gedalya Tauber**, an intermediary from Israel, and sent to South Africa.

**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Shushan Meir**, an Israeli-born South African, is believed to be the liaison between Mr. Peri and St. Augustine's Hospital, where the transplant occurs.

Gaddy Tauber, Israeli Organs Broker, recruited more than 50 men from a slum in Recife, Brazil. 38 of them trafficked to Durban, South Africa to supply kidneys for Israeli, European and American transplant tourists.





Joao Cavalcanti and 37 other Brazilians arrived in human bundles from Brazil to South Africa. they were paid \$6,000 - \$8,000 for the kidney removal. A South African Transplant Broker meets Joao at the Durban Airport . Joao and his buddy Eduardo, both are being prepped for the surgery (2003)





Brazil arrested and sentenced Tauber and several other accomplices in Gaddy Tauber was sentenced to 11 years in prison. We met in his jail cell in 2004 and later in Israel in 2009. Gaddy served six years in prison before he escaped to Israel. In 2012 Tauber was arrested by airport police in Rome and was supposedly extradited back to Brazil, but no one knows where he is today....Perhaps Interpol knows the answer



The Israeli trafficker Gaddy Tauber in Brazil with Geremias one of his kidney Sellers. Gaddy Told Gere that he was too smart to be a kidney seller but the young man had a wife and two kids and no home for them.. “I did what any agonized father would do” he told the Judge





*Alfonso da Silva was also trafficked to Durban by Gaddy. He and his group were kept in a safe house. His kidney was surgically removed for an American woman who along with 100 other transplant tourists (2001-2003) had St. Augustine hospital. Alfonso was paid just 6,000. Why wasn't my kidney as good as the sellers from Romania and Israel?*





# Police Sting: South African Police Close in on the organs traffickers



Captain Helberg and his men stormed the Netcare transplant unit at St. Augustine Hospital and carried away records showing 123 irregular transplants of Israeli, U.S. & European patients using paid kidney providers from Brazil, Moldova, Israel and Romania.

# The Charges

101 Counts of:

*Contravening the 1983 Tissue Act*

*Organized crime and conspiracy*

*Fraud, corruption, money laundering*

*Trafficking minors (4 counts) as kidney  
providers*

*Physical Assault with grievous bodily harm*

*Culpable homicide*

Two of the last Brazilians who underwent kidney removal surgeries were arrested in flight and their kidney cash was taken from them. They got caught between two police stings one in Brazil and one in South Africa. Their photos were published in NY Times and many other papers. They were humiliated and suffered many consequences.

December 8, 2003

THE NEW YORK TIMES INTERN

## 14 Arrested In the Sale Of Organs For Transplant

By MICHAEL WINES

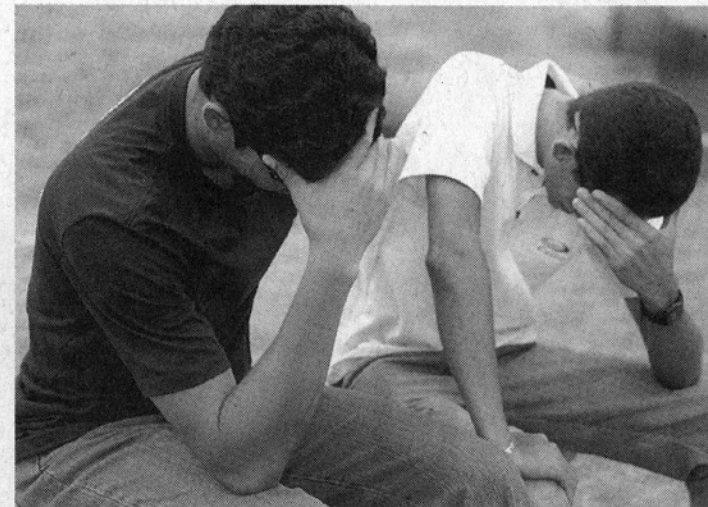
JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 7 — The police here and in Brazil have arraigned a South African man on charges of selling human body parts in a trans-Atlantic organ peddling scheme. So far, 14 people have been arrested in South Africa and Brazil.

One of those arrested, a 42-year-old Israeli man, was taken into custody in Durban on Wednesday, five days after receiving a newly transplanted kidney.

According to the police in Brazil, the ring canvassed poor neighborhoods for people willing to sell one of their kidneys. Those who agreed were flown to South Africa, where the transplants were performed.

Wilson Damázio, the federal police superintendent in Pernambuco, said at least 30 people there were believed to have donated kidneys in exchange for up to \$10,000, passports and free trips to Durban.

"They're mostly poor people just trying to make a better life for themselves," said Manoel Caetano Cysneiros, the police spokesman in Recife.



Associated Press

Two unidentified men who are each said to have sold one of their kidneys for transplant awaited extradition from Durban, South Africa.

telephone interview on Thursday that the inquiry, which had been aided by Interpol, was far from over. "Yesterday were the first arrests," she said. "We expect to make more."

She told South African Broadcasting Corporation radio that investigators were looking to nations beyond Brazil, Israel and South Africa.

Here in Johannesburg, The Star reported Thursday that the ring had bought organs for up to \$10,000 and charged recipients as much as \$120,000. The newspaper stated that

Since the arrests in Recife, he said, the police have passed on information to several other states, and it is "quite possible that this network was working all over Brazil."

The two men arrested in South Africa on Wednesday, Agania Robel, 42, of Israel and Shushan Meir, 49, an Israeli who has lived in South Africa for 17 years, were freed on about \$800 bail and stripped of their travel documents. They were ordered to return to court in February.

Mr. Robel and Ms. Meir, who were



The Surgeons in Durban Got a Stay of Prosecution  
 Between 2001-2003 the surgeons did than 120 transplants at Saint Augustine's Hospital for transplant tourists-they took the kidneys from the men trafficked from Brazil . The local kidney hunter and organs broker pled guilty – the surgeons said they didn't know what was going on in their transplant unit. No one believed their story...



# Court hears of complex kidney ruse

## Intricate syndicate web laid bare

NOELENE BARBEAU

**H**EBREW interpreter Samuel Ziegler has pleaded guilty to his role in the multi-billion-rand kidney donor scheme that has made newspaper headlines since 2000. The small dock at the Commercial Crime Court could not accommodate the eight seated, who made a brief appearance yesterday on charges relating to illegal kidney donor operations that took place at St Augustine's Hospital's transplant clinic from June 2001 to November 2003.

Ziegler, 64, pleaded guilty to 50 counts of contravening section 36(a) of the Human Tissues Act. State advocate Robin Palmer told the court that Ziegler had entered into a plea agreement with the state. The interpreter's legal counsel, advocate Robert Sichel, said in court that Ziegler knew it was illegal for kidney suppliers to sell their kidneys and, while he was aware of this, he continued to provide interpreting services.

"He knew it was illegal and therefore acted with common purpose," said Sichel. Magistrate Kim de Freitas fined Ziegler R20 000, R1 000 for each of the 50 counts, and

handed down a five-year suspended sentence. It is alleged that 100 illegal kidney transplants took place at the hospital's transplant clinic.

Earlier this month hospital group Netcare pleaded guilty to charges under the Human Tissues Act for five operations in which the donors were minors, and 51 counts of contravening the Prevention of Organised Crime Act for receiving and distributing money paid to Netcare, which were the proceeds of crime.

**Fined**

According to newspaper reports, the country's largest hospital group was fined R20 000 for the operations and R4 million for taking the money. It also had to pay a R1.8m confiscation fine, the agreed profit Netcare made from the operations. Charges were withdrawn against the hospital group's CEO, Richard Friedland.

In court papers, Netcare implicated others charged with fraud, forgery, uttering, assault, and contraventions of the Human Tissues Act regarding these illegal operations.

Yesterday, former Netcare employees Lindsay Dickson and Melanie Azor, who worked at

the transplant clinic, as well as surgeons who allegedly performed these illegal operations, Professor Ariff Haffjee, Professor John Robbs, Dr Neil Christopher and Dr Mahadev Naidoo, appeared in court. Nephrologist Dr Jeffrey Kallmeyer also faces these charges but was not in court as he lives in Canada.

All are on warning and, except for Dickson and Kallmeyer, will appear in court again on December 14 for trial dates to be set.

Palmer told the court that Dickson had been exempted from attending the next court date for health reasons.

According to the charge sheet, in early 2001 Belinda Rossi, a witness who worked at Netcare as a national transplant co-ordinator, went to Israel to attend meetings to assess the feasibility of performing kidney transplant operations on Israeli citizens in Netcare hospitals in South Africa.

It is alleged that subsequent to these meetings, Netcare, Israeli broker Ian Perry, also a witness, the hospital and Kallmeyer set up an illegal scheme in which Israeli citizens in need of kidney transplants would be brought to South Africa for kidney transplants performed at St August-



NEIL CHRISTOPHER



JOHN ROBBS



SAMUEL ZIEGLER



ARIFF HAFHEE, LEFT, AND MAHADEV NAIDOO



LINDY DICKSON



MELANIE AZOR

time. "The paid kidney suppliers for these operations were initially sourced from Israeli citizens, but later Romanian and Brazilian citizens were recruited as their kidneys were obtainable at a much lower cost than those of the Israeli suppliers," read the charge sheet.

In 2003 Roderick Frank Kimberley of Glenmoro, Durban, pleaded guilty to his role in 38 illegal kidney transplants. He was given a six-year suspended sentence and fined R200 000.

In court yesterday, Sichel said Kimberley, who acted on behalf of Perry, had employed Ziegler. In Kimberley's guilty plea he named Dickson, Azor, Kallmeyer and Haffjee. They were later arrested along with Ziegler, Robbs, Christopher,

### NEWS

Naidoo and medical specialist Dr Kapil Satyapal. All the charges were provisionally withdrawn four years later, as the state was not ready to proceed to trial. In September this year the charges were re-instated against them all, except Satyapal. Charges were also filed against Netcare and its CEO, Friedland.

The international scheme became public knowledge when 11 Brazilians and two men in Durban were arrested in 2003.

They were allegedly hired by the kidney syndicate to find suitable donors. One was an Israeli, Agania Robel, who was a kidney recipient. Robel also pleaded guilty to charges under the Human Tissues Act. He

said he had paid \$45 000 for his kidney. Donor Brazilian Rogério da Silva was allegedly paid \$6 000. noelene.barbeau@iain.co.za

# The South African NETCARE MEDICAL Corporation that provided the surgical operating rooms pled guilty to organs trafficking and they paid a huge penalty. Transplant surgeries were halted. NETCARE STOCKS plummeted

CASH FOR KIDNEYS SCANDAL

## Netcare confesses, pays up

TANIA BROUGHTON

**A**FTER seven years of vigorous denials, Netcare, South Africa's largest hospital group, has finally come clean about the cash for kidneys scandal, admitting that illegal kidney transplant operations were performed at St Augustine's Hospital in Durban and that it received millions of rands, being "proceeds of crime", for them.

The JSE-listed hospital group – represented in court yesterday by regional director Ian Goble – has paid a fine of just more than R4 million and agreed to a confiscation order of a further R3.8m in terms of a plea bargain with the State, ratified by regional court magistrate Kim de Freitas in the commercial crime court.

In its written plea, the hospital group firmly implicates others charged with fraud, forgery, uttering, assault, and contraventions of the Human Tissues Act relating to 109 kidney transplant operations done at the hospital in which, it is alleged, poor Brazilians were recruited and paid to donate their organs to relatively wealthy Israeli kidney patients.

The rules were flouted through false declarations that the donors and recipients were related.

It is now possible that some of the others implicated may also attempt to do deals with the National Prosecuting Authority.

In return for yesterday's guilty plea, charges against Netcare chief executive officer Richard Friedland were withdrawn.

Since the first arrests of syndicate members and a kidney recipient, who all pleaded guilty in 2003, Netcare has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

In protests of innocence continued the following year when its own transplant unit staffers, Lindsay Dickson and Melanie Asor, were arrested along with Hebrew interpreter Samuel Ziegler and medical specialists Jeffrey Kallmeyer, Arif Haffjee, John Robb, Neil Christopher, Kapil Satyapal and Mahadev Naidoo.

At that time, Netcare was listed as the complainant in the matter.



Netcare regional director Ian Goble arrives at the Durban commercial crime court yesterday to plead guilty on behalf of the hospital group. The company paid a R4-million fine by cheque, inset.



PICTURES: BONGANI MBATHA



The investigating officer, Louis Helberg, left, and specially appointed prosecutor, Robin Palmer, leave the court at the conclusion of proceedings.

Four years later, all charges were provisionally withdrawn because the State was not ready to proceed to trial.

In September this year, charges were reinstated against all but Satyapal – and this time the company and its CEO were among the accused.

New on the witness list were Netcare's former national transplant coordinator, Belinda Rossi, and the syndicate boss, Israeli Dan

### What R7.8m would buy

**ARV's Antiretrovirals** cost R5 300 a person a year. R7.8m would cover the medication for 1 447 people for a year.  
**Low-cost houses** The maximum cost of a low-cost is R77 000. R7.8m could pay for 91 houses.  
**Bulletproof vests** R7.8m would pay for 1 956 vests, at R4 000 a vest.  
**Police constables** 77 police constables could be hired with annual

salaries of R101 535.  
**Child-care grants** At the current child-care grant of R230 a month a child, R7.8m would pay the grant for 31 200 children for a month, or 2 600 children for a year.  
**Child-feeding schemes** R7.8m could feed 21 000 children one meal a day for a year, at a cost of R3 a day to feed one child.

Perry. Negotiations between Netcare's legal team, Ian Small-Smith and Advocate Mike Hellens, with the investigating officers, Captain Louis Helberg and Warrant Officer Soobs Chetty, and specially appointed prosecutor Robin Palmer began a few weeks ago, resulting in a new charge sheet.

Yesterday, Noble, on behalf of Netcare, pleaded guilty to charges under the Human Tissues Act relating to five operations in which

the donors were minors, and 91 counts of contravening the provisions of Organised Crime Act for receiving and distributing money paid to Netcare by Perry and his UDG Medical Services company, which was the proceeds of crime.

In the written plea, the hospital group said its employees, in common purpose with surgeons and other medical personnel, had not only found the act, but the health

ministerial guidelines and its own internal rules.

The company said it recognised it was in the interests of the community that it should be punished and that this should take place in open court "for society as a whole to come to know and understand" that such breaches would not be tolerated.

"There is a need for the sentence to have a general deterrent effect on the medical fraternity in particular," it said.

In terms of the agreed sentence, the company was fined R20 000 for the operations and R4 million for taking the money from Perry.

This was paid by bank guaranteed cheque handed to the clerk of the court.

This money, like other fines, becomes part of general government coffers.

company made from the operations – was paid by electronic transfer into the asset recovery account, which is used to fund crime-fighting initiatives.

The other accused will appear in court later this month.

Business Report reports that Netcare's share price lost more than 1 percent to R15.51 during yesterday's trading after its KwaZulu-Natal operation was fined R4 million by the Commercial Crimes Court. Before the news broke yesterday the stock price had been on a tear in the last two months, gaining 15.3 percent by surging from R13.50 to R15.08.

The JSE's all share index gained 12 percent during the period. ▶ P11

- \*Human trafficking for organs from the poor, the distressed, the migrant or the refugee is a form of torture
- \*Transplant trafficking as well as human trafficking for organs is pure exploitation. It is a heinous crime and a moral outrage
- \*Pope Francis recognizes the narcissism and greed that are behind this form of human trafficking
- \* The need for a more modest medicine. The ultimate narcissism is the desire to live forever by whatever means
- \* Medicalized executions with removal of organs for transplants in China, and later used by ISIS militants in Afghanistan as a crime against humanity



The Complicit Surgeons MUST be Held Accountable

The only way to end human trafficking in organs is to hold surgeons and other transplant professionals accountable

After all, who's got the knife?

## *Ways Forward*

Developing better technologies to identify and distinguish victims, perpetrators, collaborators, and by-standers

Holding the institutional perpetrators - hospital administrators, insurance companies, and outlaw transplant surgeons accountable

Reparations & Restitution for the victims of human trafficking for organs

Trafficked persons need to be protected from retaliatory violence

## Future Solutions

Ethical transplants that views their profession as a site of social solidarity, equity, social justice, dignity with compassion for the patient as well as for trafficked kidney sellers

Research toward bio-engineered kidneys

Saving bodies by Saving Mother Earth –Many forms of kidney disease are the result of poor diets, polluted water, toxic waste, and environmental degradation.