



IRAN

# KIDNEY FOR SALE

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A KIDNEY USUALLY COSTS BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE THOUSANDS EUROS, DEPENDING ON THE AGE AND HEALTH OF THE DONOR, WHILE AN AVERAGE SALARY IN THE COUNTRY IS 350 EUROS PER MONTH. BUT BESIDE MONEY, FINDING A KIDNEY IN IRAN IS PRETTY EASY. AND LEGAL. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF ADS WRITTEN ON THE WALLS OF THE HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH PHONE NUMBERS AND NAMES, WHICH MAY BE CONTACTED TO START BARGAINING. THE PRICE OFTEN VARIES DEPENDING ON THE DEMAND AND OFFER, WHICH - STRANGELY ENOUGH - IS AFFECTED BY THE PRICE OF OIL. IRAN'S ECONOMY IS BASED ON THE EXPORT OF CRUDE OIL. WHEN THE PRICE PER BARREL GOES DOWN, THE ENTIRE NATION SIMPLY NEEDS MORE MONEY TO SURVIVE











GHAFFAR IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HIS  
HOME FOR THE HOSPITAL WHERE  
THE TRANSPLANT WILL TAKE PLACE





GHAFFAR MEETS NARIN, WHO HAS SOLD HIM THE KIDNEY, THEY MEET THE DAY BEFORE THE TRANSPLANT



GHAFFAR LEAVES THE OPERATING ROOM ON A  
STRETCHER AFTER BEING IMPLANTED NARIN'S  
KIDNEY, WHICH HE HAS BOUGHT FOR 4,600 EURO



GHAFFAR AND HIS FAMILY AROUND THE  
FIREPLACE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE  
TRANSPLANT. GHAFFAR'S FAMILY HAD TO  
SELL ALL THEIR LANDS TO BUY THE KIDNEY





A SMALL VEGETABLE GARDEN IS ALL THAT'S  
LEFT TO GHAFAR'S FAMILY AFTER THEY HAD TO  
SELL THEIR PROPERTIES TO BUY THE KIDNEY





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FEW DAYS BEFORE THE TRANSPLANT

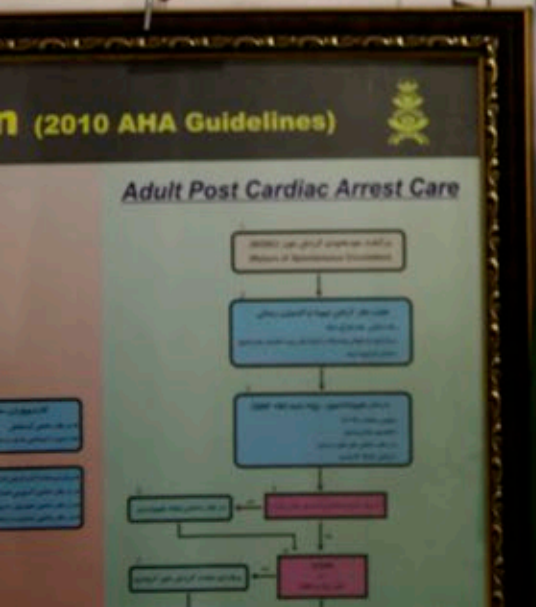








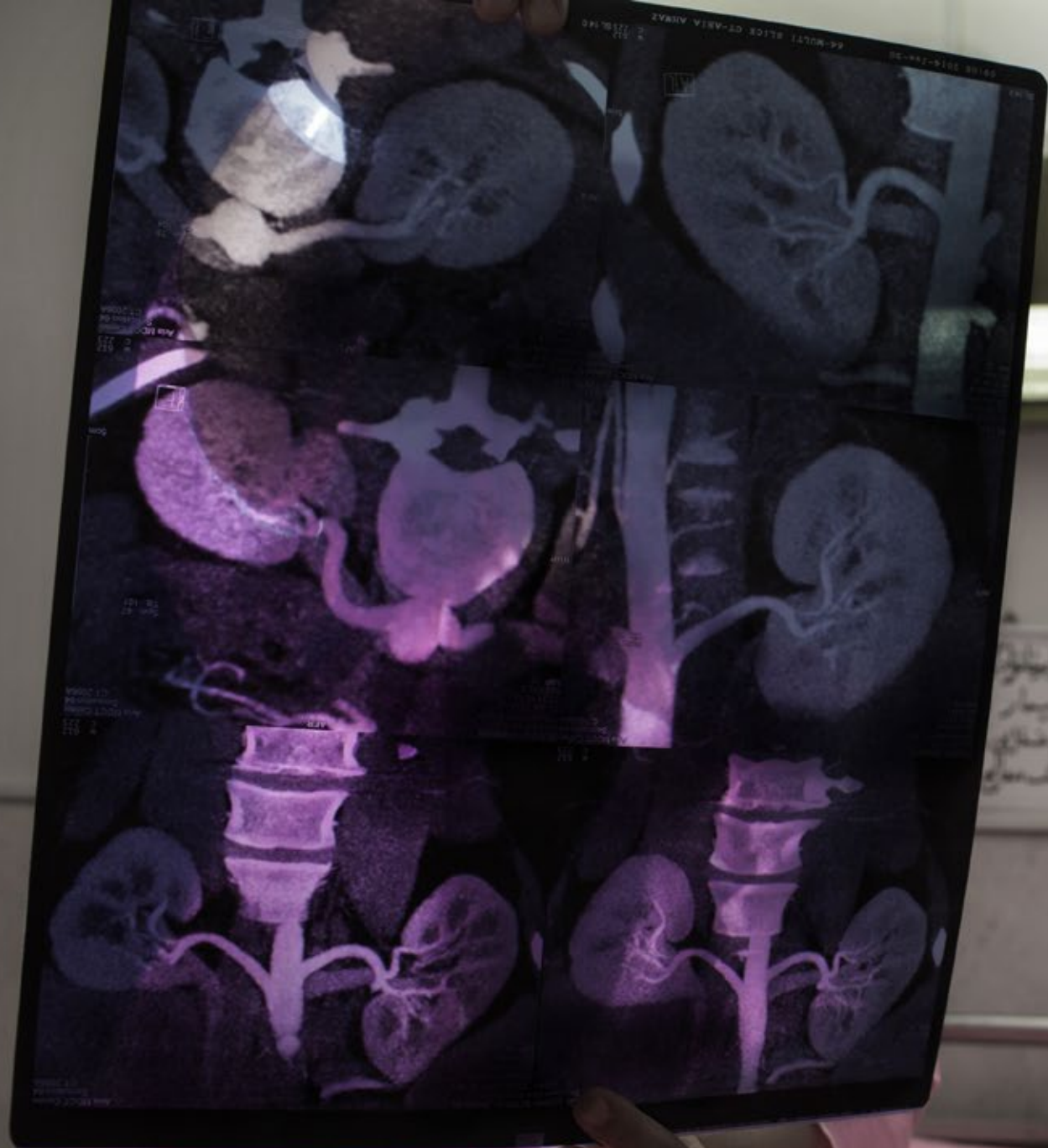
THE IMAGE OF THE CURRENT SUPREME LEADER OF IRAN, AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI, ON THE WALL OF THE DIALYSIS CENTRE WHERE GHAFAR HAS BEEN TREATED FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS



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A FEW DAYS AFTER THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WITH GHAFAR, NARIN WAS ADMITTED FOR THE LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. BY SELLING HER KIDNEY TO GHAFAR, SHE WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO LEAVE HER PARENTS' HOUSE AND MOVE IN WITH HER HUSBAND IN THE HOPE OF FINDING A JOB BEFORE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY





BEHIND THE SLIGHTLY OPEN DOOR  
THERE IS THE OPERATING ROOM WHERE  
SURGEONS ARE REMOVING NARIN'S  
KIDNEY, WHICH WILL BE IMPLANTED  
INTO GHAFAR'S BODY MINUTES AFTER







AFTER THE TRANSPLANT, THE PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED THE KIDNEY HAVE TO STAY 7 DAYS IN A SEPARATE WARD TO REGAIN ENERGY STEP BY STEP. IT'S THE LAST DAY FOR THIS GIRL WHO IS LOOKING AT GHAFFAR THE DAY AFTER THE OPERATION





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