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STATISTICS IN THE PARTY

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IRAN IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHERE KIDNEYS TRADING IS LEGAL. EACH YEAR ABOUT 1,400 IRANIANS, AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35, SELL ONE OF THEIR KIDNEYS BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY NEED MORE MONEY TO LIVE.

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IN 2009, WHILE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE PROTESTING AGAINST THE RE-ELECTION OF AHMADINEJAD, GHAFFAR CAUGHT AN INFECTION WHICH DAMAGED BOTH OF HIS KIDNEYS. FROM THAT MOMENT ON, HE HAD TO RECEIVE THREE DIALYSIS SESSIONS PER WEEK. ON THE OTHER SIDE NARIN IS THE PERSON WHO HAD SOLD HIM HER KIDNEY. SHE'S A KURDISH GIRL WHO LIVES IN THE NORTHWEST OF IRAN. SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE UNEMPLOYED SINCE A LONG TIME. THAT'S WHY THEY URGENTLY NEED MONEY TO GET BY UNTIL THE CRISIS - CAUSED BY LOW OIL PRICES - WILL END.

THE TRANSPLANT TOOK PLACE IN A PUBLIC HOSPITAL ON NOVEMBER 15TH, 2014. THREE WEEKS LATER GHAFFAR DIED. HE DID NOT SURVIVE THE NEW KIDNEY REJECTION PROCESS.

THE SALE OF KIDNEYS OCCURS THROUGH ADS LEFT BY THE YOUNG VENDORS ON THE WALLS OF THE HOSPITALS WHERE THE TRANSPLANTS TAKE PLACE, OR ELSE THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS. THE ADS HIGHLIGHT THE BLOOD GROUP AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE DONOR. OFTEN OTHER DETAILS ARE GIVEN, SUCH AS AGE, GOOD HEALTH, AND THE PRICE

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

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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 GHAFFAR'S FAMILY AFTER THEY HAD TO SELL THEIR PROPERTIES TO BUY THE KIDNEY GHAFFAR AND HIS FAMILY MEET NARIN A 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 GHAFFAR HAS BEEN TREATED FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS



A FEW DAYS AFTER THE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT WITH GHAFFAR, NARIN WAS ADMITTED FOR THE LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. BY SELLING HER KIDNEY TO GHAFFAR, 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

AD REAL PROPERTY AND INCOME.

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

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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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