

# Turkish Officials are using Syrians for Organ Harvesting

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The Lebanese ad-Diyar newspaper revealed that the Turkish authorities are involved in trafficking the body organs of injured Syrians who reach the Turkish territories.

In its issue on Saturday, the newspaper said the Turkish authorities transport young Syrian injured of those who enter Turkey to hospitals in Antalya and Iskenderun in cars guarded by Turkish police and intelligence.

It added that the injured Syrians have their body organs excised after being anesthetized to be later killed and mostly buried in the Turkish lands or sent to the border.

The newspaper noted that the body organs of the injured people that are mostly trafficked are livers, kidneys and hearts to be given to people who are waiting for treatment in Turkey, according to confirmed information.

A French doctor confirmed to Ad-Diyar that stealing of human body organs of injured Syrians in Turkey has actually taken place.

The Lebanese newspaper pointed out that European scientific websites known for their credibility revealed acts of stealing body organs that took place at Antalya Hospital, noting that body organ theft and transplantation operations have increased in Turkey over the past two years since the beginning of the crisis in Syria.

It added that Syrian doctors who have come from Germany, France and Belgium to treat the injured have found out about human body organ stealing, but were prevented from getting any information by the Turkish army.

Ad-Diyar stressed that Turkish doctors confirmed that out of 62,000 civilian and military injured people who were transported to Turkey, body organs of 15,622 of them were excised, with the injured people sent back to Syria to be buried.

The newspaper cited an incident when families of one of those sent to be buried in Syria opened the coffin only to discover the truth, noting that the Syrian doctors were prevented from seeing any of the dead bodies inside Turkey.

Ad-Diyar said the World Health Organization has started an immediate investigation into the issue and asked the Turkish Health Ministry to provide a list of the number of organ transplantation surgeries performed over many years for comparison and the names of the patients.

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