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Report: Israeli suspected of running Ukraine organ trafficking ring

According to Army Radio, the ring recruited potential kidney donors online, paying \$10,000 per kidney, before sending the organs to Israel.

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An Israeli man was arrested Friday for allegedly running an organ trafficking network in the Ukraine, Army Radio reported.



Illustration. Police arrested Monday 24-year-old suspected of sexually abusing young girls.

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The Israeli, whose name was not revealed, was arrested by Ukrainian police along with 12 other people.

According to the report, the network operated for over three years and recruited donors via the internet. Most of the donors were young women who agreed to sell a kidney for \$10,000.



The organs were then allegedly transferred to Israelis in need of a kidney transplant, which cost over \$200,000, said the head of the Ukrainian organization for combating human trafficking during a press conference following the arrests.

Ukrainian police estimated that the network made a gross sum of \$40 million.

The facility in which the alleged operations for extracting the kidneys took place denied the allegations.

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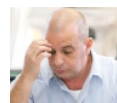
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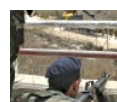


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