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**PROBLEM OF ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION IN LEBANON**

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Organ transplant remains, despite huge advances across the world, the issue of a lot of taboo in Lebanon where it is rarely practiced, if at all. According to some discussions in medical school, Lebanese law is very limiting towards organ transplant.

It doesn’t only require you to approve to have your organs harvested if you end up in some form of accident that leaves you in a vegetative condition where the only thing keeping you alive is a machine, your entire family has to approve as well when the time comes and families rarely reach a unanimous agreement regarding this matter because of the issue’s very thorny nature among them.

For example, grope of 67 medical students had many refuse to sign up as an organ donor despite them acknowledging the beneficial aspects of the premise. Their reason for refusal? Most of them were mainly religious. The devout Muslims, for example, believe that their body belongs to God and they cannot, therefore, harm it in that way. The Christians must have had their reasons as well although none of them actually bothered to explain why to me. As a result of some mentalities and our laws regarding the matter, the number of organ donors who can actually donate their organs in Lebanon is infinitesimal. The number that was thrown around in that discussion was 4 in Lebanon. That’s 1 for each 1 million Lebanese.

I’m not defending the aforementioned doctors’ practices which are beyond unethical and should have them stripped from their medical degrees. If the Lebanese Order of Physicians is as functional as it claims to be, that’s the first thing it should carry out if these allegations turn out to be true. But could the harsh legal circumstances when it comes to their topic of research in Lebanon have led them to do whatever they did?

However, if you couple the difficulty of organ transplantation in general in Lebanon with the practices of these doctors, which I’m sure are not isolated incidences, the questions asks themselves: what is the extent of organ trafficking in Lebanon? What is the going rate for a kidney from one of Lebanon’s many poor people who can’t afford to have food on their tables?