



## 97254 - Prohibition on selling kidneys

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### the question

We have a patient with kidney disease, and it has been decided that he needs a kidney transplant. Someone is asking for fifty thousand riyals in return for one of his kidneys. Is this permissible?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is permissible to transplant a kidney for one who needs that, if a kidney is available in a permissible manner. But it is not permissible for anyone to sell his kidney or any part of his body, because there is a warning regarding the one who sells a free man [as a slave] and consumes the price, and selling body parts comes under that heading, because the human does not have ownership over his own body. That warning also serves to bar a means that may lead to trading in body parts – this is what appears to me to be the ruling in this case. It also serves to avoid abuse of weak people and stealing their kidneys in return for money.

*Al-Muntaqa min Fataawa ash-Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (3/62).*