

# Do you recognise human trafficking?

## Forced organ removal



Hasan is in his room. The scar on his stomach is troubling him, but he doesn't dare go to the doctor. By 'donating' a kidney, he has paid off almost half his debt to the human smugglers.

Human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights, in which people are exploited. It can take many forms: sexual exploitation, labour exploitation, forced criminality, forced begging, and forced organ removal. Victims of human trafficking often do not realize that they are the victim of a crime.

You can help by being alert to possible human trafficking and reporting it. Below you will find signs that might indicate forced organ removal. Visit [www.emm-online.nl](http://www.emm-online.nl) for indicator cards on other forms of exploitation.

## Signs of possible forced organ removal

There are several signs that someone may be a victim of forced organ removal. For example, if the person:

- ▶ was **asked, approached, or put under pressure** to donate an organ
- ▶ donated an organ **abroad** (to raise the money to pay a human smuggler for the journey to Europe/the Netherlands)
- ▶ has a **scar** that points to the removal of an organ, but does not know whether an organ was indeed removed, or says this did not happen
- ▶ is **reluctant** to share information about where and in what circumstances the organ was removed
- ▶ received **no postoperative care** after the organ donation and/or suffers from persistent physical complaints, such as pain, in the area where the organ was removed
- ▶ **received money** (often less than was promised) for 'donating' an organ

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## What can you do?

Any of these signs, or a combination of them, may point to forced organ removal. If you have suspicions, please report them:

- Urgent? Call the police at **112**
- Less urgent? Call the police at **0900-8844** (ask for AVIM)
- Want to stay anonymous? Call M. (Meld Misdaad Anoniem) at **0800-7000**, or check [www.meldmisdaadanoniem.nl](http://www.meldmisdaadanoniem.nl)