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Global body parts trade increases

A serious shortage of donated organs in rich countries is leading to a worrying

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The body part trade is banned in many countries around the world but laws are often very confusing and full of loopholes. This makes it difficult for authorities to regulate and to crack down on illegal sales, which increases the number of deaths among donors. Transplant surgery carries high risks, especially with liver transplants, which involve removing part of the donor's liver. In Pakistan booming demand has led to a "kidney bazaar" - rich patients pay \$8,000 for a new kidney, for which donors are paid \$300 - \$1,000 and often get no medical care after the surgery. China recently banned the sale of human organs and restricted transplants for foreigners. It transplants many organs from executed prisoners after obtaining consent from the convicts or their next of kin.

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READING / LISTENING

TRUE / FALSE

Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. A body parts supermarket has opened to meet demand for organs.
- b. Chinese and Egyptians top the list of those wanting new organs.
- c. The WHO believes 21,000 liver transplants occur every year.
- d. Transplant tourists are finding it more difficult to find new organs.
- e. Not one country has banned the trade in body parts.
- f. Organ donors in Pakistan get very good after surgery medical care.
- g. China has restricted the use of body parts for foreigners.
- h. China uses body parts from executed prisoners.

SYNONYM MATCH

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PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article

(sometimes more than one combination is possible):

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| 1. A serious | a. high risk |
| 2 give them a new lease | b. transplants are carried out annually |
| 3. up to 21,000 liver | c. and full of loopholes |
| 4. there is a thriving | d. of life |
| 5. the number of poor | e. and to crack down on illegal sales |
| 6. difficult for authorities to regulate | f. led to a "kidney bazaar" |
| 7. laws are often very confusing | g. shortage of donated organs |
| 8. Transplant surgery carries | h. trade in organ trafficking |
| 9. In Pakistan booming demand has | i. or their next of kin |
| 10. obtaining consent from the convicts | j. willing to sell their liver |