

## Kidneys allegedly taken from poor for rich

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NEW DELHI - Police in India say they have broken up a ring that stole kidneys from the poor to give to rich Indians and foreign medical tourists. Manjit Ahlawat, police chief in Gurgaon, an industrial suburb of New Delhi, told ABC News that two U.S. residents have been ordered to remain in the country while the investigation continues. The victims say they were paid \$1,300 to \$2,600 to keep them quiet. "I was approached by a stranger for a job. When I accepted, I was taken to a room with gunmen," one man, Mohammed Salim, told NDTV. "They tested my blood, gave me an injection and I lost consciousness. When I woke up, I had pain in my lower abdomen and I was told that my kidney had been removed." Police questioned five foreigners staying at a guest house. Two dialysis patients from New York are being treated at a New Delhi hospital. Police were still looking for the alleged ringleader, Dr. Amit Kumar, who allegedly also uses the name Dr. Santosh Raut. He was arrested in 2000 on suspicion of selling organs.

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