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KIDNEY DONATION

Law preventing noble act

Says Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder; current system leaves room for falsehood as only close relatives allowed to donate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's existing law is prohibiting people from a noble act -- donating kidney -- Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury said yesterday.

According to the Transplantation of Human Organs (amendment) Act-2018, only "close relatives" can donate organs which curbs people's basic right to get healthcare service, he told a press conference at Gonoshasthaya Kendra in the capital's Dhanmondi.

He said more people could be encouraged to donate kidneys by bringing changes in the provision of the Transplantation of Human Organs (amendment) Act-2018.

Each healthy citizen should be allowed to donate organs, said Zafrullah, adding that a person with transplanted kidney could lead a life for 15 to 20 years without major complications.

Bangladeshis spend about Tk 800 crore abroad each year for kidney transplant whereas the medical cost per transplant is up to Tk 2.5 lakh in the country now, he said.

Of an estimated 10,000 patients who need kidneys each year, some 1,000 patients receive treatment in India and another 500 in Sri Lanka.

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Brac founder Sir Fazole Hasan Abed was honoured with Dutch Knighthood in a brief ceremony at his home in the capital yesterday evening. Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry Verweij, second from left, handed over the honour on behalf of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands.

PHOTO: BRAC

Sir Fazole Abed honoured with Dutch Knighthood

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brac founder and Chair Emeritus Sir Fazole Hasan Abed has been honoured with the Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau for his successful work in alleviating poverty, especially of women and children.

Sir Fazole Abed yesterday accepted the insignia of the Royal Knighthood bestowed upon him by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands. Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry Verweij handed over the insignia on behalf of his king.

"On behalf of His Majesty the King, it is my great honour and privilege to present to you the insignia of Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau," Verweij said at a brief ceremony at Sir Fazole Abed's residence.

Sir Fazole Abed's family members and representatives from the

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Designer baby could be two years away

CNN ONLINE

Genetically-modified babies are "highly desirable" to help protect people from disease and could be created ethically within two years, according to a new scientific paper.

Gene editing now presents such low risks that it could be used in human embryos, according to an

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BOMBSHELL IMPEACHMENT TESTIMONY

Top US diplomat implicates Trump

AFP, Washington

A senior US diplomat directly implicated President Donald Trump yesterday in a scheme to force Ukraine to probe a political rival, in bombshell testimony to a televised impeachment hearing.

Gordon Sondland, the US envoy to the European Union and a Trump ally, told lawmakers he followed Trump's orders in seeking a "quid pro quo" deal for Ukraine to probe Democrat Joe Biden in exchange for a White House summit.

The US leader, Sondland said, directed him and other diplomats to work with his personal lawyer Giuliani, who he said mounted a pressure campaign on the government of Ukraine's new president, Volodymyr Zelensky.

Giuliani's demands, he said, were for Kiev to investigate Biden and to probe a conspiracy theory, espoused by Trump, that Ukraine helped Democrats against him in 2016.

"Mr Giuliani's requests were a quid pro quo for arranging a White

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ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

Palestinians condemn US policy shift

STAR REPORT

Palestinians have strongly condemned the Trump administration after it announced the United States would no longer consider Israeli settlements

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