

SCRIPT ALBINOS TANZANIA

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INTRODUCTION

Only this year 25 were killed in cold blood.
Albinos, people who don't have pigmentation in the skin.
It happens in Tanzania in Africa.
Body parts of killed albinos are appraised by traditional healers.
They believe it can bring good fortune.
People who buy the organs or bones of albinos hope to get rich after.
The president of the East African country called for a stop on these murders.
The Tanzania Albino Association wants more.

BETA

SOUNDBITE DANCE ALBINO CULTURE GROUP

The Albino Culture Group from Dar es Salaam.
The players are shocked by the recent attacks on their fellow albinos.

QUOTE ZAKIA MOHAMED

*They came and took the baby.
They grabbed it, and
started chopping it.*

By performing the group tries to improve the situation of albinos.

SOUNDBITE CULTURE GROUP

We educate the people.
Yes.
About our rights.
Yes.

Albinos in the tropical Tanzania are
chased because of their skin color.
Which also makes them
susceptible for skin cancer.
So they often come to this
hospital in Dar es Salaam.

Here is the office of
the albino association.

QUOTE SAMUEL MLUGE, secretary general
We fear.
Because this is very dangerous.

The walls are covered with clippings about
the murders and attack on albinos.
Like this women who had a
part of her leg chopped off.
Albino body parts can, according to traditional healers,
bring good fortune.
Business people buy them.
Like in the mining industry,
hope to find gold.
Especially poor Tanzanians use this as a way out.

QUOTE SAMUEL MLUGE
If he talks to his friends.
If you could get an albino bone.
You sell it to these mining people.
He will get something.

Albinos here in the hospital get treatment against skin cancer.
For them at least there is some protection.
That doesn't apply to albinos outside.
Samuel doesn't feel safe when going home.

QUOTE SAMUEL MLUGE walking
If it gets dark it gets scary.
You're not sure of your life now.

The president of Tanzania called for more respect for albinos.
Samuel wants more.
He's vowing for registration of traditional healers,
to attain more control.

QUOTE SAMUEL MLUGE
Otherwise the killings of albinos will grow daily.

In Tanzania there are 175,000 albinos.