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## Albino NHS doctor uncovers gruesome body parts trade in African children 'born too white'



NHS doctor Oscar Duke investigates violence against African children with albinism in BBC2 film

For Oscar Duke, the visual impairment he suffers as a result of being born with albinism is an inconvenience the NHS doctor has learned to negotiate.

But when Dr Duke visited East Africa he discovered that a shocking trade in the body parts of people suffering from the genetic disorder means that albinism can be a death sentence.

Sam Clarke of Standing Voice, said: "The murder and mutilation of people with albinism in Africa derives from ignorance and stigma: a deeper structural crisis where people with albinism have been demonised, marginalised, and defined as less than human."

"Locking children away in camps does nothing to repair this situation, but simply plasters over the cracks."

"Targeting the heart of this crisis requires us to protect those under threat, educate communities, lobby governments to act, and remove financial incentives to kill by alleviating poverty.

"Above all, we must reintegrate people with albinism back into their communities and provide them with access to life-saving services they have previously been denied."

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