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CONTACT FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR FORCED MARRIAGE AND ABANDONMENT VICTIMS

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs support victims of forced marriage and abandonment and is committed to ensuring their safe return to the Netherlands.

Children and teenagers that have been abandoned abroad can contact the ministry 24/7 through the 24/7 emergency number +31 247 247 247 and through [WhatsApp](#).

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Court: acknowledgement by non-biological father is upheld

This case concerns a child that has been acknowledged by an NL man, even though he is not the father. The question is whether this is a bogus acknowledgement, and whether the acknowledgement should be cancelled. This situation occurs more often, since a mother without a residence status becomes legal if her child is Dutch.

In this case, the judge has decided that cancelling the acknowledgement has too many unforeseeable negative consequences for mother and child. For that reason the child may keep its Dutch citizenship. (Midden-Nederland regional court, C/16/461250/FORK 18-879, 17.7.19)

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: Dutch citizenship justly revoked after permit with partner, while having three children with other partner

This woman had a residence permit with her partner and subsequently acquired Dutch citizenship. Now, the IND wants to revoke her Dutch citizenship, since she failed to mention that she had three children with another man during her relationship. That father has acknowledged the children, and they have his family name.

The question is whether the woman was obliged to mention this fact when applying for Dutch citizenship. The Council of State finds that she was. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court: in principle, decision about guardianship by Surinam court valid in NL

This case concerns a child whom the Surinam court has placed under guardianship with a family member in NL. This can only be done if the child has no acceptable future in Surinam. At first, NL refused to admit the child, but the Dutch judge finds that NL should respect the Surinam decision in principle. (VK Haarlem regional court, AWB 19/1734, 16.7.19)

Court: do not send back Armenian child with severe behavioural problems

This Armenian child has severe behavioural problems due to constantly moving and the insecure life situation. Groningen University has compiled a behaviour report that makes clear that returning to Armenia will jeopardise his development. The judge finds that the IND may not simply deport the mother and child. (Utrecht regional court AWB 19/1590 and AWB 19/1591, 30.7.19)

3. ACTIVITIES

Vacancies for support to undocumented migrants: in Utrecht en Eindhoven

In Utrecht at [SNDVU](#) one for 24hr/week, and one for 16hr/week; reply before 29/8.

In Eindhoven at [Vluchtelingen in de Knel](#) for 32hr/week, reply before 26/8.

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organizations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.