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### CHILDREN'S PARDON: ALSO APPLY FOR STATUS ILLEGAL PARENT WHEN CHILDREN ARE LEGAL

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) invited a lawyer to submit a request for an illegal parent of legal children who lived in the Netherland for more than five years. Therefore, the pardon is not needed for the children, but if the children are pardoned after all, the illegal parent will become legal as well.

Keep in mind that entry bans have been issued upon an application for the children's pardon.

Therefore, consult with the lawyer first.

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

### Amsterdam: Motion for right of reception for Vluchtkerk inhabitants has been adopted

In the motion that was adopted on 3 April, the following is asked:

- national politics should provide a solution for refugees who cannot be evicted; by means of a declaration that the refugees are unable to return through no fault of their own and reception for people who would otherwise end up in the streets.
- facilitating reception and assistance until this has been arranged.
- in case of a request for help, look for a solution together with the urban district councils
- provide (mentally) ill inhabitants of the Vluchtkerk with reception in Municipal Health Service (DDG) institutions.

However, mayor Van de Laan did state that the group as a whole would not be granted new shelter. People could only be assisted on an individual basis.

See also :<https://www.facebook.com/DeVluchtkerk>

### DCI Belgium: right of reception for undocumented children to be granted in Belgium as well

Following Defence for Children (DCI) Netherlands, DCI Belgium has asked the European Committee for Social Rights to state that undocumented children have right of reception. The Committee has confirmed this. Additional information can be found [here](#) (in French and Dutch).

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

### Council of State: refugee status can be revoked following interviewing relatives on application for journey for the purpose of family reunification

This ruling concerns a refugee who applied for journeys for the purpose of reunification with family members left behind. When they were interviewed at the embassy, these family members told entirely different things about the date and the reason for fleeing. That is why the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) revoked the asylum permit. The Council of State conforms the revocation (ABRvS, 201208895/1, 14.3.13)

### Court: no status Nigerian suffering from HIV

In this case, the court found that HIV treatment is possible in Nigeria and that the possibility to determine resistance is not relevant, so that the applicant is not granted a status:

[www.rechtspraak.nl/ljn.asp?ljn=BZ5537](http://www.rechtspraak.nl/ljn.asp?ljn=BZ5537) (Dutch only)

### Six Dutch embassies have stopped legalizing foreign documents

As from 1 April 2013, documents from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Congo, Dominican Republic and Nigeria are no longer legalized by the Dutch embassies for use in the Netherlands. Nevertheless, the ministry of Foreign Affairs in each of these countries still needs to legalize the source document. (NVVB 2.4.13)

## 3. CHECK AND DEPARTURE

### Deportations to Afghanistan

Over the past few weeks, at least three families were deported to Afghanistan. In August 2012, the Afghan authorities in Kabul refused to accept a deported family. In spite of inquiries by the DT&V (Repatriation and Departure Service) the Afghans' reason for doing so did not become clear. Subsequently, the DT&V temporarily halted deportations of families, but has now resumed them (see also the DT&V website).

## 4. WHAT CAN BE DONE?

### Life story Iranian refugee

In the (Dutch-language) book "Een ster in de spiegel" (A crack in the mirror), Lili Irani tells the story of her life. She tells how she grew up in Iran, a country afflicted by religious fundamentalism, and how she had to keep body and soul together in the Netherlands following marital migration without right of residence. She openly and courageously declares herself against the submission of women, unemployed and other poor people and against social exclusion of people without residence permits. The book will be presented on 11 April in the Rooie Rat in Utrecht ([www.rooierat.nl](http://www.rooierat.nl))

### Information evening alien policy , 12 April 20.30 hrs Leiden

The following speakers will talk about various aspects of the Dutch alien policy:  
Representatives of the Vluchthuis in The Hague.

2. Research journalist Bart de Koning will talk about the no-through road recent governments have turned into with regard to asylum policy.

3. An immigration lawyer will talk about the asylum procedure (no commitment yet)

Subjects to come up are, among others: encampment activities, alien detention and criminalization of illegal residence.

Info (Dutch only): <http://vrijplaatsleiden.nl/agenda/informatieavond-vreemdelingenbeleid/>

### Documentary Bahar, Turkish woman who marries an illegal immigrant, 16 April in De Balie A'dam

Bahar is only 15 years old when she falls in love with the Turkish boy next door who has no residence permit. In spite of her family's opposition, she decides to marry him. However, her husband is unfaithful, and he maltreats her from the early days of their marriage. After many years she files a petition for divorce and she ventures to look forward to a new life. Until that one fatal night, when reality catches up with her hopes.

After the showing, there will be a discussion with director Carin Goeijers, author and scenario co-writer Nazmiye Oral and therapist Jale Simsek about domestic violence, self-sacrifice and romanticizing love.

De Balie, [www.debalie.nl](http://www.debalie.nl)

### Demonstration against criminalization illegal residence, 27 April 15.00 hrs Leeuwarden

The Young Socialists make an appeal to attend the Labour Party conference with as many people as possible to demonstrate against the government plans to criminalize illegal residence and to appeal to the Labour Party to vote against the bill. Bring along as many people as you can!