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WARRANTED REPORTING OF CRIMES

In response to questions about the Directive on Victims of Crime the minister has announced that a step-by-step implementation of the regulation 'warranted reporting of crimes' will take place in all municipalities. This will be accompanied by an information campaign, for which local caregivers, churches and legal aid lawyers will be approached.

Currently warranted reporting of crimes is only officially possible in Amsterdam, Utrecht and Eindhoven. No figures are available as to the number of crimes that have been reported as a result of this. You will find more information here.

1. BASIC RIGHTS

<u>Central Appeals Tribunal: no assistance benefit during proceedings extended residence in case of new</u> residence purpose

During proceedings 'extended residence' the applicant will remain entitled to assistance benefit. This case concerns a Burundian woman who had a permit because of the categorial protection policy for Burundi. This permit has been revoked because Burundi has been declared safe as of 2006. Currently she has applied for extended residence on individual grounds. The Central Appeals Tribunal have decided that she is not entitled to assistance benefit during these proceedings because the new application is not an extended stay for the former residence purpose. You will find more information here.

<u>Central Appeals Tribunal: assistance benefit not recovered with retrospective effect if permit has been</u> revoked

In this case the residence permit has been revoked with retrospective effect. Whether it is allowed to reclaim the assistance benefit in this case is a question that has yet to be resolved. The Central Appeals Tribunal has stated that the assistance benefit was essential to provide for the primary necessities of life. Therefore it is not allowed to revoke this benefit. You will find more information here.

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Secretary of State for Security and Justice: investigation new safe countries of origin

The Secretary of State is investigating whether Egypt, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Morocco, Mongolia and Senegal can be added to the list of safe countries of origin. This list mentions all the EU countries and the Balkan countries. Asylum seekers from these countries will be dealt with in accelerated proceedings. You will find more information here.

Council of State: requirement of passport too strict for residence as a young child with its mother. This case concerns the right of residence of a child of a Guinean mother with refugee status and a Guinean father without a residence permit. The child has no passport. Therefore the IND has refused to grant the child a residence permit. The Council of State are of the opinion that the interests of the child staying with its mother should be considered to be more important than the passport requirement. You will find more information here.

IND: informal policy concerning senior citizens

A type of policy for senior citizens appears to be reinstated; this policy has been drawn up because of the 'Dorothy Murphy case' - an American woman of 86 who was allowed to stay after she had received media attention. Admission is possible for people over 80 years of age who are single, require care and who only have children in the Netherlands who can supply this care while these children have the Dutch nationality and are capable of providing for themselves.

Council of State: blank passports for Sierra Leoneans

Until recently Sierra Leoneans with psychological problems were issued a permit because no treatment is possible in Sierra Leone. A passport is required for legal residence in other West-African countries such as Senegal. e.g. for treatment purposes. Until recently passports could only be issued in Sierra Leone. Currently blank passports can be ordered in Sierra Leone and subsequently legalised in the embassy. This makes settlement in Senegal possible. You will find more information here.

3. CHECK AND DETENTION

Secretary of State for Security and Justice: police checks

The police have agreed to annually transfer 4,000 aliens to the Removal and Deportation Service. In the first half of 2015 almost 2,000 aliens have been transferred, half of whom were placed in detention of aliens. Beside this almost 200 aliens were issued an obligation to report, 300 were issued a return rule and 300 aliens had to return to the EU country for which they had a residence permit. You will find more information here.

4. ACTIVITIES

Erik van Lieshout Video-installation 'DOG' 27 January until 7 February Pauluskerk Rotterdam
Erik van Lieshout has produced a monument for the Russian asylum seeker Aleksandr Dolmatov who committed suicide in the detention centre. In the video installation 'DOG' caregivers and refugees show their vulnerability and powerlessness when faced with problems greater than themselves. Information: http://www.tentrotterdam.nl/event/nederlandse-premiere-dog-erik-van-lieshout/

<u>Platform Migranten zonder Verblijfsvergunning [PMZV; Platform Migrants without Residence Permits], Utrecht, 28 January 10.15-13.00</u>

The PMZV is the network combination of organisations that assist undocumented migrants. Issues addressed will include psychiatric care in Veldzicht, voluntary work for undocumented migrants and the BBB regulation. More information: rian.ederveen@stichtinglos.nl.

<u>Tussenvoorziening Weerdsingel Utrecht [Intermediate Provision Weerdsingel Utrecht] are looking for</u> Motivational Supervisor

The Tussenvoorziening in Utrecht will offer 24-hour shelter and support to undocumented migrants instead of just shelter for the night. This will provide a more efficient opportunity to work towards a perspective for the future. In order to make the 24-hour opening possible we are looking for motivational living supervisors. Beside supervising guests with their daily chores in the house we also expect the motivational supervisors to assist with the realisation of their plans for the future. You will find more information here, applications until 22 January.

Change of address Taalstudio [Language Studio]

The Taalstudio, who provide verifications for language analyses performed by the IND is moving to Noordeinde 50, 1141 AN Monnickendam. The phone number remains the same: 020-528 50 77.