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## STOP THE EVICTION OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO AFGHANISTAN

On the 24th of April movements for children's rights and human rights movements raised the alarm. Since the withdrawal of the international troops in 2014 the security situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated. According to eight organisations, among which VluchtelingenWerk, Amnesty International and Defence for Children, evictions of vulnerable people should stop because of the human rights situation.

You will find more information [here](#).

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

### Council of State: entitlement to supplementary benefits during proceedings against revocation of the permit with retroactive effect

In these proceedings the Council of State has pronounced a ruling as to the entitlement to supplementary benefits if a permit is revoked with retroactive effect. You will find more information [here](#). There is no entitlement to supplementary benefits between the formal date of the revocation (which may be remote in time) and the date the objection was lodged. There is, however, an entitlement during the time the decision about the objection was pending. Once this time period has elapsed, there is no longer any entitlement to supplementary benefits.

### Dutch Supreme Court: no Dutch nationality for 17-year-old child of Dutch father, the evidence was brought forward too late

This case concerned a boy who is 17 years of age; he was born in Surinam of a Dutch father. The son had not been acknowledged until he was 17 because the father had another relationship at the time he was born. After that the father had a year's time to prove his paternity through a DNA test. He failed to do so in time. Therefore the son could not become a Dutch citizen. You will find more information [here](#).

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

### Secretary of State Security and Justice: safe countries of origin

The Secretary of State has designated new countries as safe countries of origin: Brazil and Trinidad and Tobago, both with the exception of members of the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual communities. The countries Colombia, Cuba and Honduras have not been designated as safe countries of origin. Countries that are still to be assessed are Bangladesh, Jordan, Lebanon and Nepal. Asylum proceedings for migrants from safe countries of origin will be fast-tracked. In addition it is not a matter of course that rejected asylum seekers from safe countries of origin can await the result of their notice of appeal in The Netherlands. You will find more information [here](#). Jamaica has also been designated a safe country of origin, again with the exception of members of the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual communities, you will find more information [here](#).

### Court of Appeal: financial resources to be taken into account when assessing applications for permits for a partner

In order to have a foreign partner to come to The Netherlands the Dutch partner needs to have sufficient income. This can be proven by means of an annual contract or for self-employed people through a survey of their income.

In this case the Court has decided that the IND has to take all circumstances into account. For example: a extensive financial resources (over € 100,000.-) and the prospects of a job. (Court of Appeal Amsterdam, 16/17697, 6.4.17).

### 3. CHECKS

#### Court of Appeal: more extensive evaluation of interests as a combination of criminal and alien detention has lasted more than 6 months

For the detention of aliens after 6 months a stricter assessment is applied. This Algerian man has been in detention of aliens since May 2016, followed by criminal detention and since 1 September he has again been in detention of aliens. The latest detention of aliens has not yet lasted 6 months, but according to the Court a more thorough evaluation of interests should be performed after a total detention period of 6 months. Therefore the detention of aliens has been unlawful after six months as of May 2016 and the person concerned will be awarded compensation (Court of Appeal 's Hertogenbosch, AWB 17/209, 19.1.17).

### 4. ACTIVITIES

#### Spectacles for undocumented migrants in Amsterdam (3 + 10 May and Rotterdam (17 and 24 May), 10-15 hours

In May Eyes for the World in co-operation with Dokters van de Wereld [Doctors of the World] in a project, which as yet will be a one-off, have organized a project for undocumented migrants where they can have their eyes examined free of charge in Amsterdam (Wereldhuis) and Rotterdam (Pauluskerk). If people turn out to need glasses they will immediately be provided with them. There is a choice of various fashionable glasses frames in strengths ranging from -6 to +5. The glasses will be provided free of charge.

On 24 May free transport from the Hague to Rotterdam will be arranged; for further appointments please mail to [zorgrecht@doktersvandewereld.org](mailto:zorgrecht@doktersvandewereld.org).

#### Information evening for a more profound approach: traumas in refugees, 30 May 19.30-21.30 Amsterdam

Many refugees have experienced dramatic events such as violence or sexual abuse in their country of origin, during the journey to this country and sometimes even in The Netherlands. This can result in severe psychological and somatic symptoms. On this study evening we will address in greater depth such questions as how extensive the problem is, which traumas faced by this group, how they can best be helped and what is required in order to prevent further traumatising.

Venue: Verzetsmuseum Amsterdam. Please register through [aanmelden@askv.nl](mailto:aanmelden@askv.nl).

#### Huang, Szu Hui: [Chinese Undocumented Migrants in The Hague](#), dec16

This study is about Chinese undocumented migrant workers living in The Hague. The study looks at their living conditions and working situation, and how their 'illegal' stay in the country influences their 'precarity' and sense of autonomy.

The key findings were that although undocumented migrants do experience precarity at work, they can help themselves towards greater autonomy through acquiring language skills, and through creating wider social networks. One obstacle they face is that being concentrated in the catering industry, there were few contacts with trade unions for most of the research participants.