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PLEASE DONATE: ACTION FOR UNDOCUMENTED HOMELESS MIGRANTS

Since 1 October there are approximately 200 homeless migrants in Amsterdam. These are undocumented refugees, ranging from underage boys from Eritrea to Nigerian mothers with children. As yet they have no official Dutch citizenship but they do belong to the Amsterdam population. For this reason a campaign has been launched, called AmsterDak! [Amster roof!]. During the past two months dozens of migrants have been given temporary accommodation in the homes of private individuals. Currently we are working towards extending this action to other cities in The Netherlands.

We are now noticing that housing alone is not sufficient. This gave rise to the question: who is willing to help with daily living costs for these house guests. Costs are incurred for things such as tickets for public transport, groceries, new bicycle tyres, bicycle lights etc. All these expenses are vital to keep these people alive.

You can donate here: https://www.geef.nl/nl/actie/ik-heb-geen-logeerkamer-maar-kan-wel-boodschappengeld-geven/donateurs

BASIC RIGHTS

<u>Court of Appeal: starting legal proceedings in order to be issued a different location to obtain obligatory</u> stamps

This case concerns an asylumseeker woman who lives with her partner (the father of her newborn child) but who has to obtain the required stamps in her documents at a considerable distance from her place of residence. In all the outward and return journey, together with her baby, takes her almost a day. Therefore she wants to be able to obtain the stamps required closer to home but the COA has refused this.

The Court is of the opinion that this decision by the COA should be considered to be an 'actual act', against which legal proceedings can be brought. In the interim the Court has decided that the interests of the woman are of greater importance than the interests of the COA and that the woman must be allowed to obtain her stamps closer to home. You will find more information here.

Court of Appeal: mother's identity should be known when applying for social assistance benefit

This mother has applied for social assistance benefit for her Dutch child. She has no identity papers of her own but she has proven that she is the mother by means of a DNA test. The Court is of the opinion that she has not provided sufficient evidence that the DNA samples were in fact hers. If she can prove this, the municipal authorities have to reconsider her application for social assistance benefit. You will find more information here.

ADMISSION POLICY

<u>Court of Appeal: right of residence with Dutch partner and children analogous to Chavez</u> In this case an undocumented man applied for the right of residence with his Dutch wife. He states that they are dependent upon each other and that his wife should be obliged to leave if he had to leave the country. In this case she would lose her rights as a citizen of the Union. This line of thinking also plays a part in Chavez cases.

The Court is of the opinion that the IND should weigh this man's interests against the interests of the State of The Netherlands were he to be refused right of residence. In this case it is also of interest that he is from Afghan and that the 1F article applies in this case, which means he poses a risk for the public order according to the Dutch authorities. You will find more information here.

CHECK AND RETURN

Court of Appeal: in certain cases deportation to Morocco is possible

Because of the recent commotion concerning negotiations of the Dutch Secretary of State with the Moroccan authorities about the readmission of Moroccan undocumented migrants, one lawyer has stated that deportation to Morocco is currently not possible. Therefore his client should be released. The Court has applied for information with the Removal and Deportation Service.

According to the IND in the period from 1 August 2018 up to and including 31 May 2019 ten Moroccan migrants with a laissez-passer were deported; six of them had no additional identity papers. In September and November 2019 the Moroccan embassy has also issued laissez-passers to Moroccan migrants who had no additional identity papers.

Based on this information the Court has decided that deportation to Morocco is possible and that this man can therefore remain in detention. You will find more information <u>here</u>.

ACTIVITIES

<u>Humanity in the Return Process: Prospect of Deportations</u>
Stichting LOS has investigated 15 forced deportations and has found many irregularities.
Read <u>here</u> (in dutch).

<u>Dutch Lower House Hearing 13 February 14-16 hr</u> Subject: Genital Mutilation. See <u>here</u>.

Stichting Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children