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AT5: INVESTIGATION UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS AMSTERDAM

During the following months *De Balie Live Journalism* and AT5 will investigate Amsterdam inhabitants without papers.

Since the beginning of the corona crisis many undocumented migrants have lost their jobs and without residence documents they have no access to regular food banks. They depend on alternative food banks. The Pauluskerk in Osdorp alone provides over 600 families, among whom many Brazilians, Colombians, Eritreans and Filipinos. Before the corona outbreak in March the majority of them worked as cleaners at private homes and some of them worked in the beauty industry or in the building industry. Currently they have lost at least half of their income and they struggle with food bills and rent. Many Brazilians have lived in the city for a long time, some of them for over ten years.

If you want to tell your own stories, you can send an email to livejournalism@debalie.nl
<https://www.at5.nl/artikelen/203724/meer-dan-600-ongedocumenteerde-gezinnen-in-de-stad-afhankelijk-van-voedselpakketten>, 10.8.20

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Appeal: doubt concerning availability access to kidney dialysis Nigeria

This case concerns a Nigerian man who requires kidney dialysis several times a week. He has exhausted all legal remedies and according to Removal and Deportation Services it is feasible to arrange a return, including the necessary treatment. This man cannot travel on days on which he requires dialysis; the journey cannot take longer than 48 hours unless a stopover is included for dialysis treatment and the continuation of the dialysis must be arranged before his departure.

According to this Nigerian man it is very difficult to arrange kidney dialysis in Nigeria, because of shortages of equipment and power outages. The costs are prohibitive as well. The patient must see to his own medication. There are long waiting lists, in case of emergency no dialysis is available. This has become evident from letters by two doctors who work at the University College Hospital. In addition it is not clear whether there are possibilities for shelter and support in Nigeria or for support from his relatives in America and it also unclear whether an NGO is willing to help the claimant.

Therefore it is unclear whether the eviction can ever be realised in practice. According to the IND the Removal and Deportation Services can see to this. But according to the Court the IND should have investigated into the actual feasibility of meeting the travel requirements more thoroughly (VK Court of Appeal Amsterdam, AWB 20/239, 20/240, 6.8.20).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court of Appeal: release from detention of aliens because of warranted residence and IOM assists with return

This Brazilian man is in detention. Together with IOM he is working towards his return and he has a guarantor who is willing to take him in. In spite of this Removal and Deportation Service are not willing to release him; according to them this man has returned before with IOM and he subsequently returned to The Netherlands. Therefore they do not believe that he will actually return this time and that he will not evade supervision. The Court are of the opinion that he should be released because IOM, in spite of his past, is willing to help him return to Brazil once again. You will find more information [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Exhibition *Mensen en Papier* [People and Papers], 11-30 August, Rotterdam

Come, experience and study the language, the system and the human beings behind the label undocumented. It is necessary to book a ticket beforehand; you will find more information [here](#).

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.