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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION 23 MARCH 1 P.M., AMSTERDAM

The extreme nationalist right is gaining ground, not only in the Netherlands but worldwide. This is a growing threat to all who face discrimination and racism, especially asylum seekers, Muslims, anti- 'Zwarte Piet' activists and Dutch nationals with a migration background. The LGBTQIA+ community, women and representatives of 'the liberal elite' are also under attack.

Only by united actions can we effectively counter this threat.

<https://samentegenracisme.org/agenda/landelijke-demonstratie-samen-tegen-racisme-en-discriminatie/>

BASIC RIGHTS

Court: Pay out Rvb despite missed tick in form

The Regulations on Provisions for Certain Categories of Aliens [*Regeling verstrekkingen bepaalde categorieën vreemdelingen, Rvb*] concern a monthly contribution from Coa, among other things for women in women's shelters who have legal residence. They have to complete and send Coa a form within 2 weeks and to repeat this each month. In this case, the woman had failed to place a tick in the authorisation to transfer the money to the women's shelter once. Coa refused the disbursement and also would not rectify it because the rectification form had been submitted too late.

The court found this excessive formalism and ordered Coa to pay anyway. See [here](#).

ADMISSIONS POLICY

IND Information notice 2024/15: Consideration of naturalisation in community service penalties

Following a Council of State ruling, the State Secretary is adjusting the naturalisation policy. Now, community service penalties and fines will no longer immediately lead to the refusal of naturalisation, but the severity and possible repetition will be considered. In time, this new policy should be enshrined in law. See [here](#).

Court: Morocco offers protection from domestic violence

This case concerns a Moroccan woman who fled domestic violence. She did not report it, because of social pressure and because she assumed the police would not protect her. According to the court, domestic violence is prohibited by law in Morocco. The woman should have reported it. The asylum application was therefore rightly rejected. See [here](#).

Rb: continued residence upon sufficient indication that domestic violence led to relationship breakdown

This case concerns a Gambian woman who was granted a residence permit to stay with her partner in 2020. This was withdrawn with retroactive effect to 2021 because the relationship had broken down. The woman applied for continued residence because of domestic violence.

As evidence of domestic violence, recent documents from the police, such as a report or notification of domestic violence or a recent statement from the police or the Public Prosecutor's Office (OM) that the OM has initiated ex-officio prosecution against the perpetrator, are required. Recent medical information from a doctor at an advice centre, a recent statement from another counsellor, recent data on a stay in a crisis centre or other objective data from a reliable source must also be submitted, which must sufficiently demonstrate that the domestic violence took place.

Police reports dated 18 May 2020 and 24 July 2020 were submitted in this case, as well as statements from the claimant's former neighbour and from her friend describing incidents they themselves witnessed. There is also a statement from WIJ Groningen describing the assistance contact in the period between 8 January 2021 and 19 July 2021. In it, it is indicated that for quite some time the tensions were such that the woman left her partner for her own safety. Although the IND rejected the application, the court found this to be sufficient evidence. See [here](#).

INSPECTION AND DETENTION

Court: entry into house permitted in case of report of a quarrel

This case shows that the police, who were called because of a quarrel, may then also check the identity of those present. In the case of illegal residence, alien detention may then also follow. See [here](#).

Rb: despite status in Portugal, Brazilian foreign national may be deported to Brazil

This Brazilian with a residence permit in Portugal stayed in NL longer than allowed. He was ordered several times to return to Portugal but failed to do so. Therefore, the court found it justified to impose a return order to Brazil and to take him into detention. See [here](#).

WHAT'S ON

Club night: Beats Beyond Borders - Uniting in Solidarity, 22 March 10 p.m. - 3 a.m. Sexyland Amsterdam

Undocumented citizens of Amsterdam are often refused entry to clubs and are not always allowed to be part of night-life. But at this event, they are!

We ask everyone who can afford it to buy a solidarity ticket for the group of undocumented people/refugees. A ticket is normally 3 euro, but this night we ask 12 euro: this way you pay for a drink and a ticket for someone else. See [here](#).

Villa Vrede Utrecht has moved!

The new address is Europalaan 55, 3526 KP Utrecht

<https://villavrede.nl/>