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MUNICIPALITY OF AMSTERDAM WILL SHELTER 80 PEOPLE 24/7

The municipality of Amsterdam is now also organising 24-hour shelter, on top of the existing Bed, Bath and Bread regulation. There will be accommodations for 80 people who want to 'work at their future', which is return, or legalisation after all. You can read the full text [here](#) (Dutch only).

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Amsterdam: Vluchtgarage residents are reporting for night shelter

Following long discussions among themselves, 90 Vluchtgarage residents applied for night shelter at the municipality of Amsterdam on 30 June. Since insufficient beds were available, around 40 people were sent away and told to try their luck in surrounding municipalities. Procedures are being started for them. Read more on <http://wijzijnhier.org/>

Council of State: Tax Authorities to assess parents' status upon applications for child-based budget

One undocumented parent of a Dutch child may have right of residence on account of EU law ('Zambrano'). In that case, (s)he may be entitled to extra allowances as well. When in an application for a child-based budget an appeal is made to Zambrano, the Tax Authorities must assess through the Social Insurance Bank (SVB) whether that parent has right of residence. Read further information [here](#) (in Dutch only).

If both parents are in the Netherlands and one of them has no right of residence, the parent who does have a residence permit is not entitled to extra allowances either. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

Ministry of Security & Justice: Safe reporting to be possible everywhere in 2015

Last week, the bill for the implementation of the Directive on minimum standards for victims was published. The directive grants rights to all victims regardless of their residence status. In order to enable illegal victims to report crimes, in 2015, Free In – Free Out will be implemented throughout the Netherlands. This method was developed by the Amsterdam police force and was piloted in Amsterdam in 2014. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: North and South Iraq still safe enough for return

The postponement of obligatory departure applies to refugees who come from the centre of Iraq. They have been given shelter for a longer period. Iraqis from other parts of the country said that the entire country is destabilised. In two judgments, the Council of State has now decided that North and South Iraq are still safe enough to be returned to. In individual cases this may be different. Read the judgments on [North](#) and [South](#) Iraq (Dutch only).

Ministry of Security & Justice: single-parent standard becomes 50% of minimum wage instead of 70%

Formerly, the income requirement single parents had to meet was that they had to earn 70% of the minimum wage. This was deducted from the social security standard. However, single parents now only receive 50% of the minimum wage, which is supplemented through the Supplementary Benefits Act. Therefore, the income requirement for single parents has been adjusted as well. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

Council of State: income requirement for family reunion must be assessed individually

This case concerns a man who received € 8 below the income standard for family reunion. He did receive € 50 per month extra as compensation for volunteer work. The IND (Immigration and

Naturalisation Service) rejected his application for family reunion. The Council of State finds that an individual assessment is compulsory, and that the € 50 counts as income. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

3. CHECK AND RETURN

State secretary Security & Justice: police sergeants also trained to detain aliens

Due to a shortage of public prosecutors, civil servants at the Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V) were trained to detain aliens at an earlier stage. Now, 70 experienced police sergeants will also be trained. The state secretary wishes to prevent that illegal aliens need to be released due to a shortage of public prosecutors. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

ACVZ: report on return policy

The Aliens Affairs Advisory Committee (ACVZ) has studied the way the Dutch government deals with countries to which migrants without residence papers are to be sent back. According to ACVZ there is no co-ordinated policy, and trade is given priority over the return policy. As a result, countries will not be motivated to take their fellow-countrymen back. Read the report [here](#) (Dutch only).

4. ACTIVITIES

Paul Mutsaers: Study of police behaviour with regard to aliens

This doctoral research is based on many years' participative observation with the Tilburg police force. The scientist describes the informal knowledge among the police force, and the police perspective on migrants and people without residence permits. Read the study [here](#) (link to PDF file, study is in English)

As of 1 July, Maatwerk bij Terugkeer has stopped due to lack of funding

CoMensha has moved. The new address is: Barchman Wuytierslaan 10, 3818 LH Amersfoort

Newsletter Geedi on Somalia, read here: <http://www.geedi.org/> (site in English, newsletter in Dutch)

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.