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BRIDGE RADIO: SEND US YOUR DEMANDS, STATEMENTS AND EXPERIENCES

Now with the coronavirus many people across Europe and beyond are placed in isolation and are experiencing a shortage of hygienic materials for the prevention of infection with the virus. However, for many migrants this was already an everyday reality. People in the asylum camp and migrant detention centres have been stuck for many years while they neither were free to move nor to stay. And people who live on the street because of insufficient housing accommodation for migrants currently run an even greater risk of getting ill.

Bridge Radio wants to collect statements, experiences and demands from different people who live in the asylum camps and precarious housing across Europe which we will publish as a radio programme.

You can choose to respond to the following questions:

- What are your experiences during the corona-virus?
- How is the lock-down of society affecting you?
- What are the facilities to prevent getting sick in the place that you live?
- If you live in a camp/centre: How is your experience of being isolated in the camp during the times of the corona-virus?
- How can we keep organizing in responsible ways and support each other to stay safe during this virus?
- What are your demands/ changes you want with respect to the current virus outbreak - and beyond?

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BASIC RIGHTS

Secretary of State for Justice and Security: right to shelter in times of corona

New asylum seekers will not be housed in AZCs. Shelter is available in military barracks in North-East Groningen; this exclusively applies to people who had not applied for asylum before. They will have to register in Ter Apel, from which place they will travel to the barracks by bus. Once they are inside they will not be allowed to leave the premises. A limited amount of medical care is available.

People who apply for asylum for a second or third time or people who have delay of departure for medical reasons (article 64) will not be provided with shelter.

Asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies will not be evicted from the AZC.

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

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Appeal: Nigerian victim of human trafficking with uncircumcised daughter cannot return

According to the Court this vulnerable Nigerian woman cannot find protection from her human trafficker anywhere in Nigeria and she cannot protect her daughter from forced circumcision (Court of Appeal Haarlem, NL19.19717, 12.2.20).

Court of Appeal: IND must assess credibility 15-year-old Ugandan victim of human trafficking themselves

The police did not dispose of sufficient information to trace the human trafficker and therefore have closed this case. The Court are of the opinion that the IND cannot deem the asylum story implausible for this reason alone. The girl cannot go to her aunt, from which person she was trafficked. The IND has to take a new decision concerning the asylum application (Court of Appeal Amsterdam, NL19.23803, 2.3.2).

Court of Appeal: citizenship test required for independent permit after relationship break-up

This man has resided in The Netherlands for fifteen years; during ten of these years he had legal residence with his partner, after which he applied for an independent permit. His relationship has ended. He failed the citizenship test. The Court are of the opinion that he has no valid reason for this. The withdrawal of his permit is legitimate. You will find more information [here](#).

Court of Appeal: financial penalty for failing to report end of relationship

The Dutch partner of a family migrant is obliged to report changes in the situation. Because the end of the relationship had not been reported within four weeks, he has to pay a financial penalty of 750.-. The Court agrees with this. You will find more information [here](#).

RETURN

Court of Appeal: detention of aliens in times of corona is allowed, extradition restraints are temporary
Detention of aliens is only allowed if there is a 'prospect of extradition'. Currently extradition to many countries is not possible. Yet the Court are of the opinion that this is a temporary problem and that there are insufficient grounds to discontinue the detention. You will find more information [here](#).
This does not apply to people who are to be evicted to an EU country because of the Dublin provisions. The term for this type of detention is six weeks at most, if this term is exceeded, this will be a ground for release. You will find more information [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Pharos: information about corona in different languages
<https://www.pharos.nl/coronavirus/>

Kruispost Amsterdam: because of corona different opening hours for patients without health insurance
Patients have to call FIRST before they come to us. We are available by telephone on weekdays from 10.00-13.00 and from 19.00-21.00. During the phone call we will decide whether a consultation at Kruispost is required. Telephone: 020-6249031.

FMS: Migration: African Perspectives

Stakeholders in Ghana and Tunisia have identified unemployment, high levels of corruption, no future prospects, and extensive inequalities in the world as key root causes for migration. This study shows that an effective EU strategy is lacking. We argue that the resources that do go towards tackling root causes, such as unemployment and corruption, often lack sufficient scale to really make a difference. A long-term perspective is needed.

https://www.foundationmaxvanderstoel.nl/uploads/publicaties/feps_fms_migration_def_web.pdf

B.Carrot: *Alle dagen ui* [Onion every day]

Once Saied has decided to apply for asylum in The Netherlands after three years of drifting around, he ends up in detention centre Schiphol. The inhuman prison regime and the humiliations by some wardens form a sharp contrast with the help Saied had expected to receive. Saied spent over a year in this centre, without any information as to how long he still had to stay there. This graphic novel tells his story.

<http://www.soulfoodcomics.nl/nieuws/alle-dagen-ui>, February20