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## SHELTER AND VACCINATIONS UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

The corona-related lockdown has been extended to 1 March. This also extends the Dutch Ministry of VWS' call for continuation of the shelter of unentitled homeless individuals up to 1 March. See here.

The Ministry has also stated that undocumented migrants are entitled to being vaccinated against COVID-19. How this could best be organised is currently being investigated. See <a href="here">here</a>.

## **ADMISSION POLICY**

### State Secretary for Justice and Security: risk of rape in military training camp Eritrea

In the new country policy on Eritrea, the State Secretary will include that women who are called to serve in the armed forces of Eritrea are at risk of sexual violence in the military training camp. See <a href="here">here</a>.

### <u>District Court: Kenya is corrupt, documents are unreliable</u>

This ruling concerns an asylum seeker who had documents from Kenya indicating that she was in danger. The Department of Documentation of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) was unable to investigate the authenticity of those documents, but argued that there is so much corruption in Kenya that 'authentic' documents may also be fraudulent. The judge agreed with this opinion. The documents could not prove that the asylum seeker was really in danger. See <a href="here">here</a>.

<u>District Court: possible risk for Moroccan woman on her return to Morocco with her illegitimate child</u> This Moroccan woman had a baby in the Netherlands without being married to the father. This is a criminal offence in Morocco. Moreover, she is afraid that her family will not accept her. The judge is of the opinion that the IND should take this risk more fully into account in its assessment of the asylum application. (District Court Groningen, NL20.19305, 21.1.21).

#### District Court: non-biological father of Dutch children may also obtain residence permit

The presence of this father, according to authorities, is vital for a balanced development of the Dutch children of his partner who are also under his care. The mother has a slight intellectual disability and does not want to take care of the children by herself. The judge is of the opinion that the IND should take the interest of the children regarding the presence of their father more fully into account. See <a href="here">here</a>.

### **CHECK AND DETENTION**

District Court: release from detention, due to unlawful ID check

The police had asked two Indonesian boys for their identity papers, because, according to the police, they were behaving suspiciously. They were walking in a white neighbourhood and cut across the park. The check revealed that neither of them had a residence permit and therefore they were placed in immigration detention.

The judge is of the opinion that there were no grounds for the ID verification, and therefore considers the ensuing detention to have been unlawful. The boys must be released. See here.

## **ACTIVITIES**

#### Defence for Children voting advice tool on children's rights.

We analysed the children's rights themes in the election manifestos of 13 political parties for the Dutch House of Representatives' general elections. Results from the voting advice tool show that only five political parties intend to improve the situation of vulnerable children. ChristenUnie, Labour Party (PvdA), GroenLinks, Party for the Animals and D66 all score highly on urgent topics such as poverty, youth care and the shelter of refugees. Stemvoorkinderen.nl

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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.