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NATIONAL MOVE DEMO, 15 JUNE 14:00HTRS, DAM IN AMSTERDAM

The European borders are still guarded with brute force, resulting in thousands of fatalities a year. The Ter Apel reception centre is overcrowded once again, criminalisation of illegality and cessation of shelter for people without residence permits form parts of the Dutch cabinet negotiations.

At this demonstration, we combat breaking down borders, free movement and equal rights. For everybody, everywhere.

Sign the manifesto, and if possible: donate for demo & train tickets

BASIC RIGHTS

Court: Confiscated Polish ID document need only be returned on exit

The police have confiscated a Polish man's ID document because he had no residence rights. The man has applied for a residence permit and is asking for the document to be returned, partly because he needs it to look for work.

The judge does not deem this necessary: the police have rightfully confiscated the document, and the man can identify himself when needed using a certified copy. The document need only be returned on exit. See here (Dutch only).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: Risk of honour killing Moroccan woman following rape grounds for asylum

This Moroccan woman claims she was raped by a stranger who had promised to help her when she had an argument with her husband. The rape has resulted in a pregnancy. She claims her brothers will kill her if she goes back to Morocco because she has violated the family honour. That is why she is applying for asylum in the Netherlands, which has been denied.

The judge considers that honour killing does occur in Morocco, and that the Moroccan government will not protect her against this as extramarital sex is illegal in Morocco. The IND needs to reconsider. See here (Dutch only).

Council of State: ID document is not a condition for residence with Dutch child

In this decision, the Council of State confirms that a father who applies for a residence permit as a caring parent of a Dutch child ('Chavez status'), must make his identity and nationality plausible, but does not need to prove it. This burden of proof is lighter in case of a Chavez status than in case of asylum. What matters is that the father has a dependency relationship with the child. Both parents living together already is. strong proof of dependency. See here (Dutch only).

Court: Considering residence with Dutch child and risk to public order

A Chavez status can be denied if a father constitutes am 'actual and serious risk to public order'. This case concerns an Afghan man who is suspected of war crimes. However, this is long ago. His presence is important to the child, who according to BIC report – has health issues. The judge finds that the consideration is to the father's advantage. See here (Dutch only).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: Police may enter abode after tip-off about undocumented residents

as a result of an anonymous tip-off, the police have entered an abode and checked the ID documents of all people present. One of them was actually undocumented and has been detained. The judge finds that the check was rightful, and therefore so was the detention. See here (Dutch only).

ACTIVITIES

Expert meeting shadow report Istanbul Convention, 5 June 10-13hrs Kargadoor Utrecht

The committee monitoring the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (GREVIO) has started a thematic evaluation of Dutch policy. The committee has invited the UN Women's Convention Network to submit a shadow report.

To prepare for this report, the writing team is eager to listen to experts from civic society. To this end, a meeting has been organised on 5 June in Utrecht.

Please register: schaduwrapportage@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation and the programme. If you cannot come, you can submit your comments in writing before 16 June 2024.

ROS Cookbook Launch Party, 7 June 17hrs Café Norge Rotterdam

Undocumented people known to ROS have jointly written a book in which they tell about their lives and their favourite recipes. The book will be presented on 7 June at café Norge, Tolhuislaan 119 in Rotterdam. Please, register through this link, as we want to make sure we have enough lovely food for everyone!

CNC Zorg & Verpleging provides home care to undocumented people in and around Amsterdam.

CNC provides assistance in personal care and nursing. We have a number of undocumented people in care, and aim to devote ourselves more to people without residence permits. In this way, we want to do our bit for the people who need care.

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New website Platform Zelfbeschikking en Verblijfsrecht (Self-determination and residence rights platform)

The Platform has made a (Dutch-language) <u>brochure</u> that brings together basic information on the contingent residence permit, including any available opportunities for continued residence following the contingent residence permit (for instance after breaking up with partner).

The new <u>website</u> features a form that you can fill in, following which you will receive more information regarding the conditions and where you may find help.

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.