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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM, 22 MARCH 2:00 PM, DAM AMSTERDAM

The democracy governed by the rule of law, fundamental liberties and human rights are threatened by a cabinet pursuing apartheid policies. Muslims, refugees and other Dutch citizens with a migration background are being used as scapegoats in a strategy aimed at sowing division and hatred. Meanwhile, basic rights among which the right to demonstrate, to free speech and of fundamental criticism are slowly being eroded and the Netherlands supports wars. At the same time, citizens are distracted from the real problems: the breakdown of healthcare, education, affordable housing and growing inequality.

This is no longer a political dispute, but a struggle between democracy and oppression, between equality and exclusion. Therefore, this is the perfect moment to stand up together against this threat and fight for a future where freedom, equality and humanity remain centre stage. https://21maartcomite.nl/tegenracismefascisme/

BASIC RIGHTS

CoS: No shelter in AZC for mother of NL baby

While pregnant, this mother lived on the streets. From 6 weeks before to 6 weeks after delivery she was allowed to go to an AZC. Her child was given NL nationality because of the father, so she applied for a Chavez permit. After 10 weeks, however, she had to leave the AZC as a Dutch child is not allowed to stay there. She is not vulnerable enough to stay there any longer, the court ruled.

Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport: New reimbursement system is being drawn up for the medical care of the uninsurable and the uninsured

The Central Administration Office for Medical Expenses (*CAK*) reimburses the cost of care to both uninsured and uninsurable people (undocumented). The minister needs to cut back 40 million on this care. She wants to develop a new reimbursement system to this end, in which ordinary care is cut but 'street doctors' receive more.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Ministry of Asylum and Migration (*MvA&M*): The IND will monitor income fraud instead of the Labour Inspectorate

A 'residence with partner' permit requires that the principal person must have sufficient income. The Labour Inspectorate checks this. As of 1 March 2025, this responsibility will be transferred to the IND. In particular, it concerns the control of fictitious employment, that is to say, a contract with an employer where the employee does not really work.

MvA&M: examining sham recognitions and implications for the right of abode

If an NL father recognises a child, it becomes NL and the mother gets legal residence. According to the IND, children are also recognised for monetary gain. A total of 400 suspected recognition frauds have occurred since 2017, including 240 in the first half of 2024.

When in doubt, the municipal official can refuse recognition; a list for alerts has been created for this purpose. A recognition can later be undone through a report to the public prosecutor as well. If the child has already been recognised, the child's NL nationality must first be revoked before the mother's status can be revoked. To date, this has not been done.

INSPECTION AND DETENTION

HR: Penalty for aiding illegal residence and illegal employment permitted

Last year, judges decided that an employer who employs someone without a residence permit may not also be penalised for facilitating illegal residence. They inferred this from the legislative text. The Supreme Court has now concluded that this interpretation of the law is incorrect. As a result, employers may now be punished for both illegal employment and facilitating illegal residence.

WHAT'S ON

Round Table Discussion on the Modernization and Expansion of the Criminalization of Human Trafficking Act, 6 March 10am-1pm

With input from: police, Public Prosecution Service, Labor Inspectorate, CKM, Salvation Army, National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking and CoMensha.

<u>Vacancy Representation of Collective Interests Coordinator Paulus church Rotterdam, 24-28 hours per</u> week

As Representation of Collective Interests Coordinator you have a coordinating role in our social actions, such as Ent6itled to Rest (*Recht op Rust*) and the World Homeless People Day. You ensure that the situation of the homeless and undocumented persons in Rotterdam becomes a greater priority in the political agenda.

Apply before 23 March.

Vacancy Justice & Peace Netherlands Programme Officer 32 hours (maternity leave cover)

In our Human Rights Defenders & Security programme we provide protection and support to human rights defenders at risk as a result of temporary relocation, with, for instance, the <u>Shelter City Initiative</u> and security training, so that they can continue their work safely, effectively and sustainably for the longer term.

Send a motivation letter before 9 March.

Petition: Defend Equal Rights for All

The European Commission is considering withdrawing the proposed Directive on anti-discrimination, which provides essential protections in access to healthcare, education, housing, and social benefits, particularly for those at risk of discrimination based on religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation.

Sign the petition here: **Defend Equal Rights**