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PLEASE NOTIFY STICHTING LOS [LOS FOUNDATION] OF FINES FOR BREACH OF ENTRY BAN

Last week Stichting LOS received two notifications concerning asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies and who had been given a fine for a breach of the entry ban. One such fine even amounted to € 1200.-.

At present these fines are not frequently imposed. Stichting LOS would like to be notified of these fines. We will use these notifications in the lobby against the adoption of the legislative proposal to turn illegal residence into a criminal offence.

1. BASIC RIGHTS

LOGO municipalities support complaint PKN concerning entitlement to housing accommodation

PKN (Protestant Churches in the Netherlands) bring charges against the Dutch State because undocumented migrants are not entitled to food, housing accommodation and clothing, which renders them vulnerable. LOGO municipalities, the municipalities that stand up for a better asylum policy, have announced that they will defer to the outcome of the complaint.

You will find the letter here:

<http://www.kerkinactie.nl/site/uploadedDocs/VerklaringLOGOGemeenten.pdf>.

Central Appeals Tribunal: separation undocumented mother of legal children is allowed if necessary

The Child Welfare Council had placed the children in care because money and housing accommodation were lacking and because the mother had no prospect. The mother had asked for compensation because it had not been necessary to place the children into care if the children had received autonomous assistance benefit and supplementary benefit. The Central Appeals Tribunal consider it to be justifiable to place the children into care because benefit would not have led to a situation in which the mother would have prospect (Central Appeals Tribunal 09/4932, 25.1.13).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Appeal: asylum request of a female Afghan refugee in fear of honour killing is serious

This case concerns a female Afghan refugee who had entered into a new relationship in the Netherlands and who lived in fear of honour killing. She had reported her family in the Netherlands and in Afghanistan to the police. The Court of Appeal are of the opinion that the IND cannot reject the asylum application without reason, but should first have made enquiries about the report with the police (Court of Appeal Groningen AWB 13/361 AWB 13/358, 25.1.13).

Minister: tackle forced marriages, deprivation of liberty inside the marriage and abandonment

Together with the VNG (Association of Municipalities in the Netherlands), support organizations for women and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport work at a regional approach to 'Violence in Dependent Relationships'. Twice a year the State will organize a national network assembly for all parties concerned, such as municipalities, migrant organizations, educational institutions, care givers and the police (Dutch Parliamentary Document 32840 nr. C, 15.2.13).

A study group consisting of four departments (Social Affairs and Employment; Security and Justice; Foreign Affairs; and Health, Welfare and Sport) are currently preparing an analysis of the problem of forced marriages and abandonment. The publication is expected to be issued in April.

The Minister of Social Affairs and Employment wants to launch an investigation into the nature and the extent of forced marriages in the Netherlands and of forced abandonment abroad. The outcome of this investigation will be published by mid-2013 (Dutch Parliamentary Document 33400-XVI nr 137, 20.2.13).

3. CHECK AND DEPORTATION

Court of Appeal: security personnel Schiphol are not allowed to ask for identity papers without reason

Security personnel at Schiphol decided to ask a traveller for his identity papers, because he had been wandering

around aimlessly in the shopping centre. It turned out that the man had no residence permit whereupon he was placed into detention of aliens. The Court of Appeal have decided that there was no 'reasonable suspicion of illegal residence'. The man has to be released (Court of Appeal The Hague, AWB 13/1768, 1.2.13).

State Secretary of Security and Justice: there is a prospect of deportation to Ethiopia

During the past year only three substitute travel documents were issued by the Ethiopian embassy, although 200 of these documents had been applied for. The Dutch authorities are currently engaged in negotiations. Therefore the Council of State are of the opinion that there is a prospect of deportation for which reason Ethiopians are allowed to remain in detention of aliens (Council of State 201212018/1/V3, 7.2.13).

Two urgent cases won in favour of Somalian migrants who were under threat of being deported

Last Wednesday and Saturday two deportations of Somalian people were planned. They were to fly to Mogadishu through Kenya. Fortunately the lawyers have been able to stop these deportations at the last moment.

4. WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Vote for United Migrant Domestic Workers (UIMDW) for WOMEN Inc. Cordaid Stimuleringsprijs [Incentive Prize]

United Migrant Domestic Workers have devoted themselves to the recognition of (undocumented) migrant domestic workers. They provide each other with pertinent information and offer courses and workshops about employment rights and obligations in the Netherlands.

You can read more about the prize [here](#) and you can cast your vote by clicking [here](#).

UNICEF: Child Notice Afghanistan

Because UNICEF the Netherlands is worried about the individual assessment of children's interests, notably with respect to deportation a first Child Notice will be presented - a child-specific country analysis - about Afghanistan. You can download information here: <http://www.unicef.nl/pers/publicaties/child-notice-afghanistan/>.

Exhibition One day I'm gonna make it, 14 March – 9 June, Humanity House

The multimedia exhibition (free of charge) 'One day I'm gonna make it' by Karine Versluis shows the considerable contrast between migrants' dreams and actual circumstances. Nigerian women who want to migrate to Europe and Nigerian women who have actually taken this step are contrasted by means of photographic images and sound fragments.

Information is to be found on: [one-day-i-m-gonna-make-it](#).

Demonstration: No refugee out in the street or in jail! 23 March as of 13.00 Amsterdam

Since last year refugees have been campaigning against Dutch refugee policies. Refugees should be able to stay in the Netherlands as long as the situation in their country of origin is unsafe. Refugees have rights, in the Netherlands as well. Join the demonstration and show your solidarity!

<http://devluchtkerk.nl/blog/demonstratie-23-maart-2013-geen-vluchteling-op-straat-of-in-de-cel>.