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RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE (WODC): ESTIMATE OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NETHERLANDS

This research maps the development of the estimated number of victims of human trafficking from 2010 to 2020 inclusive. There is a substantial increase in the estimated number of victims in the Netherlands during that period. After that, the estimates up to and including 2017 show a considerable decrease, to increase again after 2017. The estimate of the number of suspected victims of human trafficking, about 5000, reaches the 2010 level again in 2019.

The decrease in the estimated number of victims after 2012 is mainly caused by a decrease in the number of victims of sexual exploitation. This regarded an estimated 6,500 persons in 2012, from 2016 there is a gradual decrease in the number of sexual exploitation to around 2,000 per year. At the same time, the estimated number of victims of labour exploitation rises, particularly in 2018 and 2019. In 2020, the cases of sexual and non-sexual exploitation are about evenly divided. The male-female ratio in the estimated number of victims of human trafficking is about 50-50 right now. In 2018 and 2019, about 1,300 victims of human trafficking were reported to CoMensa (the Dutch Research and Documentation Centre in The Hague).

[Read the full report](#), 19.11.21

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Court: preliminary question regarding the interest of the unborn child in the Dublin case of the mother, father asylum status in NL

This case regards a Syrian mother who arrived with a Lithuanian visa in the NL and applied for asylum here. During the procedure she married a recognised refugee in the NL and fell pregnant. According to the IND, Lithuania is responsible for the handling of the asylum application under the Dublin Regulation. The court wonders whether the child's interest to stay with both parents should not carry more weight. That is why the court asks the CJEU for clarification (preliminary questions). While this question is being considered, the asylum application is at a standstill. Other courts may also decide to wait for the answer to these preliminary questions in similar cases. See [here](#).

Court provisional ruling: ruling on the substance of an asylum application father with asylum status in Germany and partner and child in the NL

This man has asylum status in Germany. He is married to a Dutch woman and together they have a child with medical problems. The man has applied for asylum status in the NL, but this application has been denied because he already has protection in Germany.

The court finds that the interest of the child weighs heavily here, and that the IND has failed to consider how difficult it is to have a family life across two countries. In addition, the CJEU has ruled in a similar case that the family life carries more weight (case no. [C-483/20](#)). This is only a 'preliminary relief', the court only rules that the man may await the court's decision in the appeal case. See [here](#).

Court: experience during illegal stay counts as competencies for Asian hotels, restaurants and cafés

This case regards an undocumented Venezuelan who worked in a Chinese restaurant. The restaurant has now applied for a residence permit as a knowledge migrant. As proof of his professionalism the man refers to his work as an undocumented migrant, but the UWV (Job-Office) finds that this should not count and turns down the application.

The court decides that the law does not say anywhere that undeclared employment may not count as part of the 'acquired competences'. That is why the man is to be admitted as knowledge migrant (Court of Amsterdam Amsterdam, AWB 20/5569, 29.9.21)

CJEU: on preservation of residency of the partner of an EU citizen after domestic violence

A foreign partner of a Union citizen keeps his residence rights in the host country as long as he is married, regardless of an actual separation. But when the divorce is pronounced when the Union citizen already has returned to his country of nationality, it is general practice that the foreign partner loses his residence rights.

In this case, the CJEU comes back to earlier case law and now stipulates that a foreign partner of a Union citizen as a victim of domestic violence may retain his residence rights after the departure of the Union citizen from the host country, on condition that the victim starts divorce proceedings within a 'reasonable term' after the departure. See [here](#).

INSPECTION AND DETENTION

Minister of Migration: number of failed extraditions

This year up to December, already more than 1,200 extradition flights, mainly European ones, had to be cancelled already due to test and vaccination requirements. In case of more than 440 foreign nationals who did not choose to cooperate with a COVID-test, the final date on which they, under the Dublin Regulation, could be transferred to another European country. In addition, around 310 detentions had to be terminated from mid-March until mid-December. See [here](#).

WHAT'S ON

ASKV (regional office for refugees) "Home is a story you carry on your back", 8 Dec. 3-5 pm, Framer Framed A'dam

During this afternoon, folk tales from Niger, Nigeria, Iran and St. Eustacius will be told. A few places are still available. Registration still possible [here](#).

Willemijn van Kempen and Alejandra Ortiz: 'Transcript from the margins: Looking into the way circumstances and experiences of transgender persons coming from the Latin American Caribbean region are represented and considered in Dutch asylum procedures'

The research focuses on the circumstances and experiences of transgender persons, that contribute to the danger and impossibility of living in countries of origin in the Latin America and the Caribbean (hereafter LAC) region and lead to an asylum application in the Netherlands. The research question is whether and how these experiences and circumstances are seen, questioned and considered in Dutch asylum procedures? To answer this question, an exploratory case study was designed and conducted. It analysed the Dutch asylum procedures of eight transgender women from the LAC region whose countries of origin do not directly criminalise LGBTI identities. See [here](#).

Bernadette Heiligers: Come from so far

This book tells the history of the Dominican girl Dini in Curaçao, where her mother Ariana, with the help of her family, gets a position as a domestic working for doña Lillian. "Doña Lillian wanted a Dominican maid. Someone who would work for practically nothing as long as she was undocumented."

The young girl is used to look after herself and takes on the work of her mother, without being paid for it.

The relationship between Curaçao and Santo Domingo, as well as the of the New Bonaire with the Netherlands after 10-10-2010, becomes painfully clear in this book. See [here](#).

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (National Undocumented Migrants Support Centre Foundation) has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations who provide assistance to migrants without residence permits ('undocumented migrants'). The LOS Foundation is committed to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.