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ALIEN DETENTION HOTLINE

The Alien Detention Hotline is a project initiated by LOS Foundation. Aliens who have been detained can phone the hotline free of charge, if they have complaints regarding the circumstances of their detention. The Hotline helps them substantiate their complaints and assists them in submitting the complaints to the Review Commission. Many complaints have to do with medical care, transport, detention in isolation and treatment by guards.

If you know people in alien detention, please alert them to this option. The free phone number for detained aliens is: **0800-3388776**

For further information see: www.meldpuntvreemdelingendetentie.nl

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Court: asylum seeker who has exhausted legal remedies must be allowed to travel to practitioner

This asylum seeker who has exhausted all legal remedies is being treated in Centrum 45. The treatment is medically required and is allowed continue, but the patient lacks money for the trip. According to the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) the treatment can also be given in the new place of residence, so that travel costs will not be necessary. The judge has asked for further underpinning or else compensation of the travel costs. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court: traditional Ghanaian marriage can be recognized

This lady has applied for a Dutch passport for her child, since it allegedly had been born following a traditional marriage with a Dutchman. The judge rules that a traditional marriage may be legal, but that in this case, there is insufficient evidence (photos and witnesses). Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

European Court : Greece permit retained in spite of 7-year drug sentence

This Albanian was sentenced to seven years in prison in 1999 for drugs-related offences. He'd lived in Greece since 1989, with a Greek wife and two Greek children. Also, three brothers have residence permits in Greece. There is no risk of recidivism. That's why the European Court finds he must not lose his permit. Read [here](#) (in French).

Council of State: permit may be revoked following deletion municipal personal records database

This man has been deleted from the municipal personal records database and states he has led the life of a drifter in the Netherlands. However, proof of this is not available. Therefore, the IND may assume of departure from NL and revoke his permit. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

State Secretary Security & Justice: new rules for denying asylum permit for people with criminal record

The state secretary is tightening the rules, so that an asylum permit may be denied if someone has a criminal record. Following a 10-month sentence, a refugee status ('a status') may be refused. Following a 6-month sentence, a subsidiary status ('b status') may be refused. In case of drugs-, vice- or violence-related crimes, the suspended part of the sentence is included. Community service and juvenile detention count as well. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

State Secretary Security & Justice: deportations to Burundi postponed

The state secretary is suspending deportations to Burundi, on account of the mounting civil war. First, he intends to consult the minister of Foreign Affairs. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

State Secretary Security & Justice: New Somalia policy

As a result of the new country report, the state secretary has slightly adjusted the admission policy for Somali refugees. Returning to areas where Al Shabaab is in power is too dangerous. Women who have

no network will not be deported at all, but kinship to the third degree is considered to be a network. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court (panel of judges): actual situation counts with regard to family reunion income criterion

This case concerns a man who is actually permanently disabled, even though he receives benefit on the basis of the Return to Work Scheme for the Partially Disabled (WGA). He wants to sponsor his partner, but does not earn enough. According to the court, this case must be judged individually. (Amsterdam court, AWB 15/12696, 25.4.16)

3. CHECK

Fire in Rotterdam detention centre

On 25 May, a desperate Algerian man set fire to his mattress in the Rotterdam detention centre. He had been in contact with the Alien Detention Hotline for some time, and kept saying he wanted to see a doctor because he felt so ill in his head. The fire was extinguished quickly. Neighbouring cells were evacuated and the aliens were taken to the prison yard. According to information received, some men who were banging on doors and windows during the fire, demanding to be released, have been taken to the isolation cells. Read [here](#) (Dutch only).

4. ACTIVITIES

Benefit concert for Care bus Dokters van de Wereld (Doctors of the World), 20 June Amsterdam

On 'International refugee day', Rotary Amsterdam organises a benefit concert in the Muziekgebouw aan het IJ in honour of Dokters van de Wereld. All proceeds will be spent on the [Care bus](#), the mobile surgery of Dokters van de Wereld.

Tackling domestic and sexual violence conference, 23 June 13.30-17.30 hrs Binnenhof The Hague

The Vereniging Vrouw en Recht (Woman and Law association) organises this conference to consolidate the Istanbul Treaty. This treaty includes a large number of provisions that are relevant to tackling domestic and sexual violence and force the Netherlands to adjust legislation.

During this [meeting](#) (Dutch only) we shall work on recommendations for Dutch parliament.

GRETA: guidance on identifying asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants who have been trafficked

GRETA is the body tasked with monitoring application of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The report identifies several actors with an important role in combating trafficking, including non-governmental organisations, judicial authorities, legal professionals as well as labour inspectors, medical staff, media, the business sector, and national coordinators, and sets out a number of recommendations and good practices. Read [here](#).

Aan de Slag motion carries by town council Eindhoven

The town council of Eindhoven has carries the motion requesting the alderman to facilitate the activation of people who have no residence permit. See the motion [here](#) (Dutch only).