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PICUM VIDEO: “WHAT SAFETY MEANS FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE”

The [video](#) features interviews with people who experienced violence while being undocumented, who told us what they went through, how they reacted, and what safety means to them. We hope to use this video to raise awareness about the greater risks of mistreatment that undocumented people face, because of their administrative situation and other intersecting factors, and about the limited options they have for safety and protection. You can also read more about the interviews behind this video [here](#), and recommendations on how to prioritise safety over immigration enforcement [here](#).

Philippine migrants from *Filmis* made their own films about their life as undocumented migrants in the Netherlands.

- [Link](#) to social protection
- [Link](#) to shelter
- [Link](#) to bank-account

BASIC RIGHTS

Court of Appeal: no confirmation legal motherhood of Dutch child because of various aliases

This mother wanted to apply for a residence permit as the mother of a Dutch child. However, the child's birth certificate mentioned another name for her. Ultimately DNA tests and documents proved that she is the child's birth mother. The municipal authorities, however, refused to alter her child's birth certificate because it is unclear whether she is also the legal mother. As long as it is not certain that she is the same person as the one mentioned in the birth certificate and therefore is the legal mother, she cannot be granted a residence permit as the mother of a Dutch child. You will find more information [here](#).

ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: extended residence after four years stay with partner

This case concerns a Dominican man who had a residence permit as a partner for four years. The relationship broke up. In the interim this man has passed his citizenship test and he is in regular employment as well.

The IND had rejected his application for extended residence because of 'evaluation of interests'. However, the Council of State questions why the economic interests of the Netherlands would lead to a negative decision because after all this man is providing a contribution towards the Dutch economy. The IND has to reconsider its decision. You will find more information [here](#).

Court of Appeal: considerations right of residence Chinese couple with seventeen-year-old son born here; they had no previous legal residence

This Chinese couple came to the Netherlands in 2005 to work in self-employment; their son was born here. Later these residence permits were revoked as of their commencing date because false information had been supplied. Therefore, their ties with the Netherlands had commenced when they had illegal residence. The IND had rejected their application for a residence permit because of 'evaluation of interests'.

The Court is of the opinion that the son's interests and the father's previous successful economic activities have not been taken into consideration sufficiently. The IND has to reconsider its decision. You will find more information [here](#).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court of Appeal: The Haagse Pandbrigade [The Hague institution that checks for neighbourhood disturbances and for illegal building activities] is allowed to check IDs and subsequently contact the AVIM [Department Aliens Police, Identification and Human Trafficking]

The Haagse Pandbrigade takes action when there are complaints where premises are concerned. The Pandbrigade is authorised to check IDs. This led to the discovery that Indonesian people without residence permits were living in premises in The Hague. The Pandbrigade contacted the Aliens Police (AVIM) who performed further investigation and placed the aliens in detention. The Court has ruled that this method of checking is allowed. You will find more information [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Exhibition: Amsterdam City of Migrants 16 September - 30 November OBA Amsterdam

Six migrant organisations cooperated towards creating an exhibition based on the experiences of groups of migrants in Amsterdam's recent history. Six 'living rooms' will show you how various interest groups have helped new Amsterdam residents towards obtaining a place in Amsterdam society. Each of these six organisations has furnished its own 'room' with objects and images from their collections. Together these rooms tell stories about the activist and colourful ways in which organisations have attempted to improve the position of their own community in Dutch society.

Location: OBA Oosterdok, Oosterdokskade 143 (close to the central railway station Centraal Station).

Admission is free of charge.

Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.