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CORONAVIRUS VACCINATIONS FOR UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS IN AMSTERDAM

Anybody who wants to be vaccinated for the Coronavirus in Amsterdam can arrange to do so free of costs.

This is what you need to bring when you come for your jab:

- Your ID card or passport*
- A face mask
- Wear clothes that make it easy to bare your upper arm.

*Undocumented persons can come too and don't need to submit a passport or other ID.

<https://www.ggd.amsterdam.nl/english/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccination-amsterdam/>

BASIC RIGHTS

Council of State: submitting a motivation for exemption from legal fee is possible up to decision

In this decision, the Council of State makes clear that the right to a fair trial is essential. That is why people who cannot afford to pay legal fees can explain why they should be exempted right up to the final decision. Any justified exemption request must be assessed with respect to content. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: during lawful residence re Art 64 (kidney failure) right to return-visa to visit dying father

This Moroccan man had lawful residence due to his application for a permit in connection with his kidney problems. Meanwhile, in Morocco, his father fell seriously ill. His application for a 'return visa' to briefly visit his father was turned down.

The judge finds this visa should have been granted. By now, the father has died, and the son should be granted a visit visa to mourn with his relatives. According to the judge, this is a compelling reason. It concerns a one-week stay. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

State secretary Justice& Security and court: naturalisation for youngsters, in spite of any doubts about ID

Generally, status holders cannot be naturalised if there are doubts about their nationality or identity. They need to be able to submit source documents from their native country.

Under a new guideline, effective from 1 January 2023, doubts about identity are no longer grounds for refusing to naturalise youngsters who were minors when they were granted a residence permit. Their parents' behaviour must not permanently frustrate their future. This applies to youngsters with a Pardon status as well as other statuses. See [here](#), and court decision [here](#) (both Dutch only).

Council of State: genital mutilation risk Guinea girl

In this case, the Council of State rules that a Guinea girl runs the risk of female genital mutilation (FGM), even though her mother is not a victim. As nearly all women from Guinea are FGM victims, it is not easy to safeguard her daughter from this. The mother herself no longer runs a risk, according to the Council of State; she is too old. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

Court: genital mutilation risk Nigerian girl

The UN Human Rights Committee has established criteriums for assessing the FGM risk in Nigeria. The judge finds that, in this case, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) has insufficiently weighed in all relevant aspects. The girl's mother is single, has been a victim of rape and human trafficking in the past and no longer has a network in Nigeria. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: return decision and entry ban after 19-day overstay justified

This American has exceeded his stay in Europe by 19 days. The maximum is 90 days out of 180 days.

Therefore, upon his departure, he was presented with a return decision and an intention to impose an entry ban. According to the judge, this is correct. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

ACTIVITIES

National meeting Honour and Freedom Platform (Platform Eer en Vrijheid) 2022, 10Nov 10-17hrs Utrecht

Informal organisations (such as women's and migrant organisations) and formal organisations (such as Veilig Thuis and social community teams) can join forces and strengthen each other more than they do now. During the platform meeting, under the inspiring mentorship of Naima Azough, we will answer the following question: How may formal and informal organisations collaborate optimally to tackle the problems surrounding self-determination better and faster? See [here](#) (Dutch only).

PICUM Video: transition into adulthood for young undocumented migrants

Aim of the video is raising awareness around transition into adulthood. See [here](#) (translation in different languages available).

EO: Non-deportable illegals

What does it do to you when you have to leave your country because you are a lesbian or a Christian and the IND doesn't believe your story? Together with the EO broadcasting association, our colleagues at SNDVU ('Stichting Noodopvang Dakloze Vreemdelingen Utrecht') made an impressive documentary in which a number of clients tell their stories. See [here](#).

Kerk in Actie: postcard to Dutch Parliament because of treatment of children in Greece and the Netherlands

Kerk in Actie had produced postcards to urge Dutch Parliament to treat minor refugees in Greece and the Netherlands better. You can write the text below, possibly with your own additions, on a postcard and send it to the specified address, see more information [here](#).

