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## DEMONSTRATION ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS, 18 JUNE 14<sup>HRS</sup> DAM SQUARE, A'DAM

For freedom of movement, against border violence, for legal protection and regularisation of undocumented people, against neglect of asylum seekers in Ter Apel or in (crisis) emergency accommodation and for fast and fair procedures and access to jobs.

MiGreat will host a programme on Dam square, featuring speakers and music. Subsequently, there will be a march through the city centre to Museumplein. The activity involves a manifest for organisations to sign. [Sign the manifest](#).

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## 1. ADMISSION POLICY

### Council of State: Naturalisation feasible in spite of small fine

Someone with a criminal record may be denied naturalisation. This may occur in case of a fine exceeding 810 euros.

In this case, the person involved had been fined € 550, but had initiated an opposition procedure. As a result, the court case had not yet been concluded.

The Council of State makes clear that the policy may be deviated from in specific cases. This counts as such a specific case. Therefore, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) should have made an individual assessment. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

### Court: honour killing risk Jordan is credible, no protection possible

This Jordanian couple has fled because their marriage was not accepted by their families. The woman has been seriously abused, resulting in brain damage, and the couple failed to receive protection from the government. Even though the IND believes their problems, their application for asylum has been turned down, because the couple did not leave immediately following the problems. However, the judge finds this understandable, since they first tried to find a solution in their home country, before fleeing. Moreover, the IND may not assume that the government will provide protection, as this has been refused so far. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

### Court: FGM risk in Krio tribe Sierra Leone

On the basis of country information, the judge assumes that FGM is rare among the Krio tribe in Sierra Leone (0.8 percent of all girls up to the age of 14 in 2019). Therefore, there is no risk upon the return of this mother and her 7-year-old daughter. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

### Council of State: careful judgment needed in assessing dependency Dutch child of parent without residence right

To be granted a permit as carer of a Dutch child, a parent must actually undertake caring tasks. Also, a relationship of dependency must exist between parent and child. That relationship may exist even if the caring duties are marginal, the Council of State finds. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

### Court: children's pardon must also weigh the measure of integration

This case concerns a young Armenian man who came to NL in 2000 and who is by now aged 26. He grew up in NL and went to school here, has concluded intermediate vocational education and has been offered work. His application for the children's pardon has been turned down because he has been 'out of the picture' for too long. The judge finds he should not be blamed for this, as he was only a child then. Moreover, the measure of integration and the interests of NL should be weighed (Haarlem regional court, NL22.23429, 16.5.23).

## 2. ALIEN DETENTION

### Court: release from alien detention upon application of residence permit with Dutch child

This man had already applied for residence with his Dutch child. The application had been turned down,

but an appeals procedure was pending. Meanwhile, he initiated a new application on the basis of new information. During a procedure for residence with a Dutch child, detention is not allowed. Therefore, the man must be released. See [here](#) (Dutch only).

### 3. ACTIVITIES

Storytelling Addressing Forced Displacement and Refugee Challenges, 7 June, 16-19<sup>hrs</sup> The Hague  
ART WORKS Projects leverages the power of visual storytelling to advance human rights advocacy and action through narrative shift. At the event, we hope to bring together a diverse set of high-engaged community members to discuss the unique set of challenges a growing number of forcibly displaced individuals, families, and communities are facing and what role we can play across the human rights ecosystem to address some of these opportunities to provide a safe place to call home.

Options: [in person registration](#) or [live webcast registration](#)

GGD Haaglanden et al: Haagsche Praat on caring for undocumented people, 13 June 11-18<sup>hrs</sup> The Hague  
On 1 July 1998, the Benefit Entitlement (Residence Status) Act came into force, rendering all government provisions inaccessible to undocumented people, with a few exceptions, including medically necessary care.

We look back and ahead: what does this mean for (public) healthcare duties? How can we guarantee and vouchsafe medically necessary care? And how do we deal with really vulnerable people: the chronically ill, elderly, homeless, if the social domain has been closed to them?

We will discuss this together on the basis of history, case reports and legislation.

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Conference: From Dependent to Independent Residence right, 23 June 13:30-17:30<sup>hrs</sup>, Kargadoor Utrecht

In the past two years, Platform Zelfbeschikking en Verblijfsrecht has undertaken various activities in order to put the issue of dependent residence right back on the public and political agenda, including research ([Research report 'Heb Geduld'](#)); information gatherings and advocacy. The results of all these activities, including a perspective on the future, will be presented and discussed in detail on Friday 23 June. To register: [zelfbeschikking.verblijfsrecht@gmail.com](mailto:zelfbeschikking.verblijfsrecht@gmail.com).

Symposium: Sexual violence: Blind spot in the asylum procedure?, 6 July 13:30-17:30<sup>hrs</sup> Amsterdam

In the report "*Sexual violence: Blind spot in the asylum procedure?*" Amnesty concludes that people who flee here are insufficiently protected when they have been confronted with sexual violence. Amnesty Nederland calls for an adjustment to Dutch asylum legislation and providing victims of sexual violence with the protection they are entitled to according to international human rights treaties.

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