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## BED-BATH-BREAD AGREEMENT

According to leaked plans eight reception centres will be set up across The Netherlands where municipal authorities can send asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies. In these centres they can stay for two months and prepare for their return.

In addition to this municipalities would be allowed to preserve their own reception centres for those asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies. They will not be fined for this (as the VVD [Dutch liberal party] wishes) but they will not receive financial support either (as the left-wing parties wish).

<https://nos.nl/nieuws/politiek/>, 15/9/17

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

Court of Appeal: Old Age Pension for married couple even though the partner is in China, because they are not separated permanently

This case concerned a man who is married to a Chinese woman who lives in China. They have tried to obtain domicile together in The Netherlands but the woman has not succeeded in getting a permit. The marriage has not been dissolved permanently, there is weekly contact and the husband has visited her in China. Therefore it is justified that the husband will be granted an Old Age Pension for married couples. You will find more information [here](#).

Court of Appeal: assistance benefit after 1 year employment as EU citizen

This woman from Great Britain took care of her mother during 1 year and used a personal budget for this. Because of this she was in legal employment and had legal residence. This right of residence will not be lost as long as she remains available for the labour market. This entitles her to assistance benefit. Although her children later joined her in The Netherlands the entitlement to assistance benefit will apply to them as well. Because she is not formally married with her partner, she will not be granted partner benefit as yet. You will find more information [here](#).

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

IND: number of applications for admission in The Netherlands per purpose of stay and assignation percentages

first half 2017	applications with MVV*	percentage granted	applications without MVV	percentage granted
exchange	630	98%	940	99%
study	3,770	98%	1,270	97%
employment temporary	130	78%	80	86%
employment regular	720	75%	260	64%
knowledge and talent	5,370	97%	2,330	85%
relatives and family	11,880	74%	5,410	85%
humanitarian temporary	<5	67%	260	65%
humanitarian non-temporary	30	25%	310	31%
special residence	<5		20	57%
total	22,520	84%	10,870	85%

\*MVV = authorisation for temporary stay

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/binaries/rijksoverheid/documenten/rapporten/2017/09/08/rapportage-vreemdelingenketen-periode-januari-juni-2017/RapportageVreemdelingenketen+2017-1.pdf>

Asylos: Nigeria: Domestic Violence and FGM (aug17)

Conclusions :

1. Despite some legislation aimed at addressing it domestic violence remains a significant issue in Nigeria with limited protection for victims
  2. FGM is not yet banned in many states in Nigeria and there are reports of continuing high prevalence of FGM in the country.
  3. Little direct information could be found on the situation for single mothers in Nigeria, but there are reports of discrimination and difficulties encountered by single women without family connections.
- Please refer to the site of Asylos: <https://asylos.eu/>

Court of Appeal: Dublin transfer takes precedence over being a victim of human trafficking

This woman applied for asylum but will be sent to France (on the basis of the Dublin agreement) because she had been seen in France earlier. She stated that she had to be considered a victim of human trafficking in The Netherlands and therefore should be granted right of residence. According to the Court her appeal to being a victim is not relevant for this asylum procedure because the content of her asylum application will not be dealt with in The Netherlands (Court of Appeal Groningen, NL17.5667, 22.8.17).

## 4. ACTIVITIES

Conference Transnational families and divorce: revisiting marital break-up, 27-29 Sept, Nijmegen

In this conference we examine transnational divorce by taking into account the different socio-legal and cultural contexts within which it occurs, notably how state policies influence the process of marital dissolution. [http://www.ru.nl/publish/pages/819911/conferenceannouncement\\_sept2017.pdf](http://www.ru.nl/publish/pages/819911/conferenceannouncement_sept2017.pdf)

Symposium Vrouwen Vluchtelingen Veiligheid (Safety Female Refugees), Utrecht 2 October 13-17hr

In a study into the safety of women and girls in refugee camps the UNHCR has concluded that the current response of authorities, institutions and social organisations is inadequate and fails with respect to the prevention of the exploitation and of various forms of sexual violence faced by female refugees in Europe and the response to this exploitation (UNHCR-UNFPA-WRC|20-1-2016). During this symposium we will investigate the situation in asylum seekers' centres in The Netherlands.

Info: <https://www.nederlandsevrouwenraad.nl/html/index.php?paginaID=3294>

Policy seminar Protection undocumented migrants in employment and health, 1 November 12-18 hr, the Hague

During this meeting an investigation into the situation of undocumented migrants in the areas of employment and health in The Netherlands will be presented. In addition the options and challenges to improve the position of undocumented migrants in the area of employment and health will be discussed. Contact : Lisa Berntsen (Tilburg University) through [L.E.Berntsen@uvt.nl](mailto:L.E.Berntsen@uvt.nl)

Commemoration migrants who died at sea, Hermitage, Amsterdam, 5 November 17-18 hr

This Sunday (after All Souls' Day) we will reflect upon the death of the innumerable unknown people at the outer borders of Europe and on our systematic disregard of all the misery caused by the strict border patrols. This will be preceded by an information meeting in the Wereldhuis, just behind the Hermitage. <http://noelhuis.nl/agenda/>