

Hello all,

As always, text is dictated in English and Google Translate is used to translate it to Arabic, Farsi and Turkish. All in one lengthy mail.

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Some background information on anger by Dutch people towards refugees.

You must know that you, as our guest, now have a shelter, option to shower (every day) and get three meals per day of which one is a hot meal. There are already citizens and families in Zuidlaren and all over the Netherlands who are not able to get these daily meals or showers.

On top of that there is an energy crisis going throughout Europe. Prices of gas and electricity are going sky high. This impacts all citizens all over Europe. It means that energy bills are raising to levels at which people are not able to pay. 'Eating or heating' is what is going on for the coming months.

In the Netherlands people pay a monthly amount of money and of course during summer there is little to no heating but during the winter there is much more so the energy companies try to level the payment throughout the year. But, as an example, someone was paying a monthly fee of 275 euro, but now got the message from the energy company to raise his monthly fee up to 1100 euro to prevent that he needs to pay 7400 euro at his personal end of the year bill.

You can imagine that more and more people will get upset by and protest against the full nursering of refugees and that on the other hand inhabitants of the Netherlands need to figure it out themselves. The government is not (yet?) able to help out all of the people so it will get more and more uneasy which will reflect from time to time towards refugees.

Next to that there is already a housing crisis. A lot of (young) people can not find houses anymore because there are not many and the houses that do get to the market have sky high prices. So that is another factor that can and will make some people angry with respect to refugees as refugees that have become 'approved new citizens' will also need housing. The waiting time is already many months and it can be foreseen that that time will only increase.

Bear this in mind when you are approached by 'angry' people. It often has to do with the fact that they are also uncertain about their existence and their own worries regarding eating, heating and housing.

Please share this information with everybody as not everybody has phone and / or email.