The COA ends the use of the emergency night shelter

The location in Oldambt closes on 15 May 2025, and no new location will open in this form.

Emergency night shelters are used, when the facility in Ter Apel is full. Applicants are taken there for a night, and then they return to Ter Apel in the morning. The facility has not been in use since end of October 2024.

COA emphasises that this does not mean that it does not need more places. Indeed, the Ter Apel facility cannot accommodate more than 2,000 people.

Thus, the agency is still in search for overflow locations.

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