Minister issues call to municipalities to keep locations open for emergency shelter

The Minister for Asylum and Migration, Bart van den Brink, issued a call to all mayors of the Netherlands to keep locations open and provide emergency shelter immediately in light of the critical reception situation. The Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA) expressed its strong support for this call, noting that the situation has led to asylum seekers spending the night outside of Ter Apel. The minister indicated how many places must be created per province in the very short term, noting that the shortages will rise to 3,600 places in January and 7,600 in April if nothing is done.

Source(s)

- Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers | Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers (13 October, 2026), Minister roept provincies en gemeenten op locaties open te houden en extra opvangplekken te leveren [Minister calls on provinces and municipalities to keep locations open and provide extra reception places], https://www.coa.nl/nl/nieuws/minister-roept-provincies-en-gemeenten-op-locaties-open-te-houden-en-extra-opvangplekken-te

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