

## Survive: The news

For foreign students, access to local news may seem limited since local papers and TV broadcasts are in Dutch. Thankfully, there are a number of English language news outlets available. Here are five you can choose from to provide you a daily source of local news.

### The Hague Online

Based out of The Hague, this website is a composite source of all kinds of information. You can find articles on upcoming events, news stories, sports activities, cultural shows, festivals and nightlife - not just in The Hague but also nearby places such as Delft. “The goal of the website is to help expats and internationals feel at home in The Hague,” said Billy Allwood, a British expat and the founder of the website. Check out their Weekly Calendar if you’re looking for a quick way to plan your weekend fun.

[www.thehagueonline.com](http://www.thehagueonline.com)

Twitter: [@thehagueonline](https://twitter.com/thehagueonline)

### Dutch News

Feel lost each time your Dutch classmates talk politics? Try Dutch News. National news is reported in English and the site also has a section called the Dictionary of Dutchness which explains some key terminology (such as ATV, ANN), a section on housing, a What’s On section for the culturally inclined and a lot more. “We want to keep people who don’t speak Dutch in touch with a broad spectrum of Dutch news,” said Robin Pascoe, the editor. “We also try to remember that our readers may be new here and so we put stories in perspective. We don’t assume they know what an ATV day is or what the AOW is, for example,” she adds.

[www.dutchnews.nl](http://www.dutchnews.nl)

Twitter: [@DutchNewsNL](https://twitter.com/DutchNewsNL)

### IAmExpat

This Amsterdam-based website was started in November 2010, by expats looking to create a platform to help “expats of all colours, shapes and sizes” interact with each other and engage with the local community. While there is a certain amount of weekly news on the website, the

focus is more on expat living issues. It has sections on education, careers and events, and in-depth articles on topics such as housing rules and the Dutch tax system. “It is an online media platform covering the day-to-day needs of all English-speaking internationals in the Netherlands. They can access up-to-date information, news, housing and career services, lifestyle tips and community events,” said Sergios Charalampos, Editor in Chief of the website.

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### Expatica

Sometime in early 2000, Canadian expat Bram Lebo found himself waiting endlessly for a tram one morning. The only people at the station were other foreigners. None of them knew that the transport workers of the Netherlands were on strike that day because all news about that was limited to Dutch channels. That gap, between Dutch news and local foreigners, is what Lebo set out to fill with Expatica- an online forum. Today, the site has pages on other European countries, South Africa, and Moscow. Besides current affairs and daily news, the site is a trove of information for expats. There are sections on housing, education, student life, finding a job, finance and business and a lot more.

[www.expatica.com/nl](http://www.expatica.com/nl)

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### ToTen

Started in 2016, ToTen is an independent international newspaper and website. Their coverage includes art and culture, nightlife and life in the Netherlands. You can get a good sense of interesting events, from theatre to music, and plan your weekend according to whatever interests you best. They also have blogs and columns on a host of topics, several written by expats.

<http://www.to10.nl/>

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