

# DEFEND NASIRA BEGUM, SAID BIBI AND AWARA DITTA. FREE THE PRISONERS OF RACISM. FIGHT THE DEPORTATIONS.

## NASIRA BEGUM

Nasira Begum came to this country from Pakistan in 1976, met and married a British citizen. But after 3 months her husband left her and she was sent to live in Manchester. Now 3 years later, the Home Office say that as her husband will not live with her, they consider her marriage invalid and that she must get out of the country. The Home Office said she had to get out of the country by November 12th, and now she faces being arrested at any time, held in a detention centre, perhaps for many months, and then deported.

## SAID BIBI

Said Bibi, an 80 year old widow and grand mother, partially blind and deaf, faces the threat of removal from her family in England, and being forced to return to Pakistan, where there is no-one to support her or care for her. She first applied in January 1973 to join her son and family in Rochdale, knowing that she would soon be left alone in Pakistan. In August, Said Bibi came on a visit to her son, accompanying her grandson from Pakistan, and was initially refused even a visitors visa. On October 4th she was told to leave immediately and she is still in this country only because she is too ill to travel.

## ANWARA DITTA

Anwara Ditta was born in Britain in 1954 and has four children aged 9, 7, 6 and 3. She is living in Rochdale with her husband, but her three eldest children are in Pakistan and have been refused permission to join their mother here. Anwara was sent to Pakistan when she was 9 years old by her father when her parents separated. She joined her husband in Britain in 1975, leaving her children in Pakistan and planning to set up a secure home for them to come to. Her children applied to join her in 1976, but the Entry Clearance Officer was not satisfied that they were their parents' children so they were refused entry, even though Anwara has plenty of evidence that they are her children, none of which has been looked at.

These are just three people out of thousands who are suffering under the present, racist immigration laws. The Tory Government have just announced proposals which will make these laws even tougher, and will make even more difficult for people like Nasira Begum and Said Bibi to stay in this country and the families of people like Anwara Ditta to be reunited.

It is essential that as many people as possible support Nasira Begum, Said Bibi and Anwara Ditta in their fight against the immigration laws.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Join us in going to London for the demonstration next Sunday 20th November against the government's immigration and nationality proposals.
2. Publicise and talk about these cases, and any others you hear about, to your friends and fellow workers. One reason the Home Office can get away with this inhuman treatment of people is that no-one knows what they are doing.
3. Write to your MP and Andrew Bennett and Cyril Smith, the MPs responsible, to get him or her to protest about the treatment received by Nasira Begum, Said Bibi and Anwara Ditta.
4. Get your trade union branch, anti-racist, women's or other organisation to pass motions of support for these three people.
5. Send money to us, Friends of Nasira Begum, c/o 595 Stockport Rd Longsight Manchester 12.
6. Write to the Home Secretary, Queen Anne's Gate, Whitehall, London.

