

Anwar Ditta Defence Committee,  
127 Crawford Street,  
Rochdale.

Dear.....,

We are writing to you to enlist your support for Anwar Ditta's fight to force the British Home Office to grant permission for her three children to come home from Pakistan.

Anwar Ditta is a young Asian mother, born in Birmingham and living in Rochdale. For the past 4½ years the Home Office has repeatedly turned down requests and appeals to allow the children to enter the country. As a result, the family has been split up, all normal family life destroyed and both parents and children subjected to intolerable suffering.

There is no doubt that the racist Home Office is determined to deny Anwar Ditta and her family the elementary democratic right to live a normal, united family life. There is no other reason for this than the fact that the family is a black family.

On Wednesday 30th July, the adjudicator at the Manchester Immigration Court once again turned down her appeal on behalf of the children. The adjudicator's 'Determination', the grounds for turning down the appeal, demonstrates a most flagrant disregard for evidence. Anwar Ditta presented sufficient evidence to win her appeal without any further delay. Yet the adjudicator insists against all the facts that he is 'not satisfied that the appellants were related to the sponsors as claimed.'

On page 5 of the 'Determination', the adjudicator speaks without any qualification, of 'The parents of the appellants'. If he states so unequivocally that they are indeed the parents of the children, why then did he reject the appeal? Because he is acting on behalf of a racist state which has split up many thousands of black families by using immigration controls. The adjudicator not only disregarded the available evidence, but also launched a most scandalous racist attack on the parents and their witnesses. He repeatedly questioned their 'credibility' on matters which had no bearing whatsoever on the case in hand. His racist slurs and abuse were intended to subject the family to a personal trial for nothing more than the fact that they have stood up and fought for their rights.

No socialist or democrat can stand aside whilst this sort of thing is happening. For over 4½ years Anwar Ditta's family has suffered the effects of this country's immigration laws, as have many thousands of other black families. It is an elementary obligation for all socialists and democrats to protest against the rejection of Anwar Ditta's appeal in whatever way they can.

We urge you to support Anwar Ditta's campaign and as a matter of great urgency to raise the question when Parliament next sits. Your action on behalf of Anwar Ditta could go some way in helping her to win justice.

The Anwar Ditta Defence Committee which has been campaigning on Anwar's behalf since last December will not let the matter rest with the latest decision by an adjudicator in Manchester. In our campaign we have already won substantial support from the black community and from sections of the working class movement. We have also had the support of some MPs and from the National Executive of the CPGB. We intend to intensify our campaign and broaden our support to ensure that Anwar Ditta and her family are reunited. Your support for her case will therefore be greatly appreciated.

As you will be aware, any campaign requires funds. The costs of preparing a further appeal to the Tribunal and the costs of the campaign are immense. We appeal to you therefore to indicate your support by sending the committee a contribution.

If you wish to obtain further information about the case please write to the above address. Messages of solidarity and contributions can be sent to Anwar Ditta Defence Committee at the above address.

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