

Racist Laws

Since the early 1960's both Labour & Tory governments have introduced immigration laws which have denied black people full rights in the U.K. About 250 people a month are either deported or leave the country under threat of deportation as a result of this legislation.

Under these laws people may be imprisoned without trial, the Home Office makes the charges, appoints the adjudicator & the final appeal can only be made to the Home Secretary himself.

Muhammad's case is an illustration of the present government's offensive against working people, black & white, who are active in the Unions & community. Such cases must be taken up actively by the Labour Movement, as part of the struggle against racist laws.

FIGHT AGAINST RACISM & MUHAMMAD'S DEPORTATION

1. Affiliate to the campaign (£5 organisations, £1 individuals)
2. Write in protest to the Home Secretary, (The Office, Queen Ann's Gate, London SW1) your M.P. Councillors & the press.
3. Organise meetings in support of Muhammad, invite speakers from the campaign.
4. Pass resolutions in your union branch, Labour Party & any other organisations you belong to. Send copies to the Home Secretary.

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STOP the DEPORTATION of Muhammad Idrish

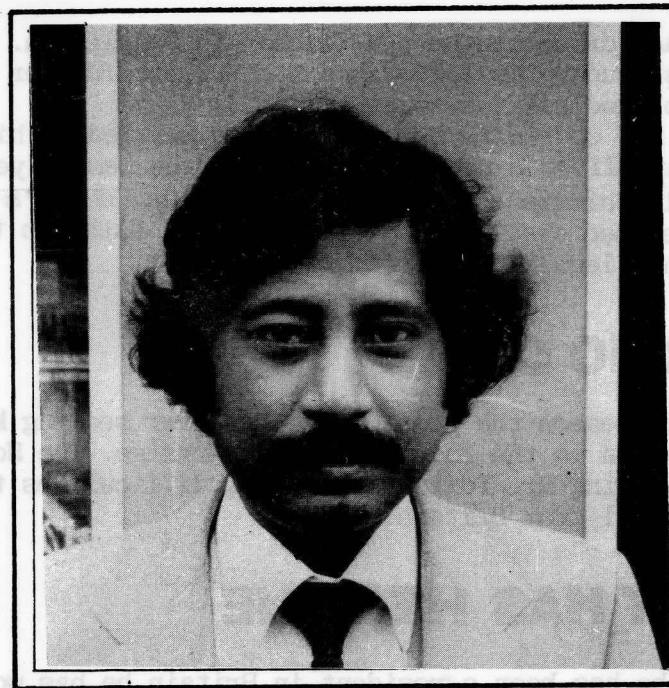


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Muhammad Idrish, a Bengali Social Worker in West Bromwich, is yet another victim of the discriminatory & bureaucratic practices of the Home Office who are seeking his deportation.

Demonstrate Against Racist Laws

NALGO National Demonstration

Saturday October 8th.

Assemble:- 11.30am,

Booth St., Handsworth, BIRMINGHAM.

Coaches from Manchester:

Contact, Caroline Bedale

Day-061 834 8980:Evening-061 620 9497

Muhammad's Story

Muhammad Idrish had been a teacher in Bangladesh. He came to this country in 1976, as a student for further education. He completed his course successfully. During his course he met & later got married to his wife. They have lived happily together for the past 5 years in Bristol. Unfortunately the marriage broke down, & now he is threatened with possible deportation, although they are still not legally separated or divorced.

FOR NO CRIME

The only reason the Home Office have for seeking Muhammad's deportation is the failure of his marriage. The Home Office is exploiting Mr. Idrish's personal difficulties to secure his removal from Britain.

WHAT HAS HE DONE

Whilst he has been a resident in Britain he has worked voluntarily for the Bengali & other Asian communities in Bristol.

For the past 2 years he has been employed in West Bromwich as a social worker, while still keeping up his commitment to voluntary community works. Muhammad is also a founder member of his Trade Union branch of NALGO.

We say:
Muhammad must
stay

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CAMPAIGN

Muhammad has appealed against the ruling but was turned down by the adjudicator, who merely 'rubber stamped' the Home Office's decision. Since then an application for leave to appeal has also been turned down with unprecedented speed by the Immigration Appeals Tribunal. Despite personal representations to the Home Office by Arthur Palmer & Peter Snape M.P's, the Home Office still refuses to reconsider. There is therefore an urgent need to step up the campaign.

THE CAMPAIGN SO FAR

We have already been successful in building substantial support within the Labour Movement & various ethnic organisations. Muhammad's trade union, NALGO, is fully backing the campaign, both locally & nationally, along with:

Birmingham & Bristol Trades Councils
Several ASTMS, NUPE & NUT branches.
Ladywood, Edgbaston, Selly Oak, Wolverhampton
South West CLP's
British Council Of Churches, Bristol CRE
Bangladeshi Workers Association, Indian Workers
Association, Birmingham CARF & CARL
Sheffield & Rotherham City Councils
21 M.P's, including Ron Brown, Bob Parry,
Alan Roberts, Peter Snape & Arthur Palmer.

Successful public meetings have been held in Bristol & Birmingham, as well as mass pickets at the Home Office in London & Birmingham. These have aroused a great deal of public support & media coverage.