

# **SMETHWICK THREE DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

## **RACIST POLICE ATTACK BLACK YOUTH**

The police attack on Amarjit, Bikar and Surinder occurred in Smethwick on the 11th of June 1983. Amarjit and two other black youths were questioned by a policeman. Initially, the policeman asked who owned a car that was parked illegally. The policeman then went on to find out that Amarjit was unemployed. Further, observing that Amarjit was not intimidated, the policeman began to ask Amarjit about how he could afford the jewellery he was wearing. Then without apparent reason the policeman attacked Amarjit. Later at Smethwick police station, Piddock Rd. Amarjit was again beaten by the same policeman. Two friends, Surinder and Bikar (amongst others) who had witnessed the police attack of Amarjit immediately after the incident went to the station to file a complaint against the policeman responsible. More than two weeks later, Bikar and Surinder, were sent summons by post charging them with willful obstruction of that same policeman. Amarjit sustained visible injuries and at the station complained of the policeman's behaviour and demanded a medical examination which he received. Only hours later he was charged with a 'Breach of the Peace'.

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# **MASS PICKET!**

**THURS, JANUARY, 26<sup>th</sup> 1984.  
OLDBURY MAGISTRATES COURTS.  
CHURCH STREET, OLDBURY,  
WESTMIDLANDS.**

**TIME 10:00a.m.**

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## **BLACK YOUTH FIGHT BACK!**

The Smethwick Three Defence Committee was formed to build a community response to this incident of the police brutality against black youth.

Every day our community in Britain is being attacked by racist police. The Smethwick Three is yet another racist attack and once again black people and anti-racist white people must fight back to stop the brutality.

# **STOP POLICE ATTACKS ON BLACK PEOPLE!**

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