

ZAFAR IS INNOCENT



**STOP
POLICE
HARASSMENT**

**MASS PICKET
SNIG HILL POLICE STATION**

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SHEFFIELD DEFENCE CAMPAIGN.
c/o 87 THE WICKER, SHEFFIELD 4.

In February, 1983 Zafar and several other youths were apprehended on Pond St. Zafar was later charged and fined £100 for possession of an offensive weapon.

The incident took place outside Pond St. petrol station where after being questioned by uniformed police Zafar's car was immediately surrounded by three C.I.D. cars.

They asked for documentation and searched the whole car during which a hammer handle was found in a tool bag in the boot of the car. This was later alleged to be an offensive weapon. The search was a blatant tactic to harass all the youths but Zafar being the only black youth was victimised further on a trumped up charge.

The community responded immediately to yet another case of injustice and racial bigotry and several weeks later a picket was mounted outside West Bar Police Station. There Zafar rightfully refused a verbal cautioning and we were led to believe that the charges had been dropped. However, this joy was short lived and on Monday, 30th January 1984 at Sheffield Magistrates Court Zafar was charged with possession of an offensive weapon and fined £100.

Police in Sheffield have intimidated and victimised Zafar on many incidents prior to and after the above. This is a reflection of the police attitude to the black community especially militant youth.

The history of police experience in Sheffield is long and bitter, filled with resentment and frustration. This finally climaxed in a massive demonstration in August 1982, when hundreds of black people and anti-racists marched through the streets of Sheffield after Ahmed Khan was charged for defending himself.

This campaign believes that Zafar has been wrongfully convicted and this is a clear case of police harassment against a black youth.

We Demand:-

- 1) AN END TO POLICE HARASSMENT
- 2) DROP THE CHARGES
- 3) ZAFAR IS INNOCENT

Police harassment against Zafar means that the whole black community is harassed; it means all sections of the society who fight against oppression are harassed, and it means that the whole Labour Movement is harassed.

WE MUST UNITE, ORGANISE AND

FIGHT BACK

STOP POLICE HARASSMENT

P.P. S.C.P.N.S Asian Youth Movement.

DROP THE CHARGE NOW