

IQBAL DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 17, 1985 TAXI DRIVER MOHAMMED IQBAL WAS RACIALLY ABUSED AND BRUTALLY ATTACKED BY A PASSENGER. HE RECIEVED SEVERE HEAD WOUNDS IN THE SAVAGE ATTACK. "I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE THAT NIGHT," HE SAID.

YET WHEN HE REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO ECCLESFIELD POLICE STATION THEY LOCKED HIM UP ALONG WITH HIS ATTACKER AND KEPT BOTH OF THEM UNDER ARREST UNTIL THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON. IQBAL WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL TO HAVE HIS WOUNDS STITCHED, ONLY TO BE RETURNED TO THE CELLS! THE POLICE HAVE BROUGHT CHARGES OF ACTUAL BODILY HARM AGAINST HIM!

IQBAL HAD PICKED UP THE FARE, A WHITE MAN, IN CITY CENTRE AND TOOK HIM TO FOX HILL. ONCE THERE THE MAN REFUSED TO PAY, GREW ABUSIVE, AND THEN PHYSICALLY ATTACKED IQBAL, WHO EVENTUALLY ESCAPED, COVERED IN BLOOD. IQBAL HAS ALREADY APPEARED IN COURT ON CHARGES OF ACTUAL BODILY HARM, WHEREAS HIS ATTACKER HAS YET TO BE SERVED SUMMONS! IQBAL IS BEING CRIMINALISED FOR DEFENDING HIMSELF DURING A RACIST ATTACK.

IQBAL AND HIS ATTACKER WILL BE PRESENTED IN COURT TOGETHER AS IF THE INCIDENT WAS A MERE BRAWL. THE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO PICKET ALL THE COURT HEARINGS TO DEFEND IQBAL'S INNOCENCE AND HIS BASIC RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENCE AGAINST A RACIST ATTACK - A RIGHT USUALLY ACCORDED WITHOUT QUESTION TO WHITE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY.

MEANWHILE WE ARE SEEKING EVIDENCE OF SIMILAR TREATMENT MEETED OUT TO OTHER TAXI DRIVERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUCH INFORMATION, WE NEED IT!

JOIN THE PICKET 1 :

TUESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER

2.30 pm

MAGISTRATES COURT

SHEFFIELD

THE "IQBAL DEFENCE CAMPAIGN" SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF BLACK PEOPLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST RACIST ATTACKS BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY. THIS IS A BASIC RIGHT THAT THE RACIST STATE IS TRYING TO DENY THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

WE BELIEVE THAT IQBAL HAD A RIGHT TO DEFEND HIMSELF AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CHARGED.

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