

STOP POLICE HARASSMENT



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The Asian community in Sheffield has been the victim of many racist attacks. After the attacks we have subsequently ^{been} harassed by the police.

IN OUR MOSQUES there have been 23 separate attacks on people leaving after prayers. We were also offended when a pig's head was hung outside the Makki Mosque.

IN OUR TAXIS many attacks have occurred. One driver has been blinded in one eye. Another driver was prosecuted after defending himself from a brutal attack.

IN OUR RESTAURANTS customers leave without paying and restaurant workers have suffered from racial abuse and physical attack.

The police response to this has been one of indifference or harassment. In a recent incident 15 white youths ^{attacked} the Shizan Restaurant. One customer received cuts from flying glass, needing 12 stitches. After several phone calls it took the police 20 minutes to arrive from Attercliffe Police Station, one mile away. Instead of arresting the troublemakers they arrested a victim, Mr. Ahmed Khan, and charged him with 'malicious wounding'. The police later returned to arrest a 15 year old helper, Mohammed Ghautar. He was questioned without the presence parents or solicitors and later released without charge.

The black community is fed up with police behaviour. The question of police harassment and indifference is crucial to both black and white communities. It is only through unity and solidarity that our demands will be met. We call on all Sheffield workers to support our demands.

1. A public enquiry into police behaviour.
2. The sacking of all racist police officers.
3. Recognition that self defence is no offence.
4. Adequate training of police officers in minority cultures.

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MEET OUTSIDE SHIZAN RESTAURANT, GREENLAND ROAD, DARNALL, (no. 52/71 buses) 11.00 am SATURDAY AUGUST 14th.