

On Saturday hundreds marched through Sheffield to protest against the arrest of Ahmed Khan on serious charges after had been obliged to help defend an Asian restaurant against attack by 14 youths. This is in itself an injustice, but the reason so many turned out to march in protest, and why many more in the community are angry, is because this is but one of many attacks on black people in the city, and only one of many times that Police have behaved in a racist way when dealing with black people's complaints. Here are just a few examples:

## PLACES OF WORSHIP ATTACKED BY FIRE:

About a year ago, Shir land Lane Mosque was attacked with fire. The Police have been unable to discover the cause of the fire, even though the Muslim community believe it to be the act of racists, and only one in a series of such attacks. Other Mosques have been the subject of abuse as well. A severed pigs head was left outside one place of worship. An obvious dilemma faces the Muslim community as they attempt peacefully to practice their faith, but still 'the best Police Force in England' have done nothing to solve it.

## ATTACKS ON TAXI DRIVERS

Asian taxi drivers have frequently been the victims of violent attacks by racists.

- One driver was attacked when his passengers refused to pay. Again, Police penalised the victim of this crime instead of the perpetrators, and have charged the taxi driver!
- Asian taxi drivers were being persistently attacked in the Richmond/Woodhouse area a few months ago. These attacks were reported to the Police but no action was taken. A subsequent incident resulted in the loss of eyesight for one driver.

## ATTACKS ON RESTAURANTS

Asian Restaurants have been attacked very often and not only has there been lack of support from the Police, but the Police have subsequently charged the Asians who have defended themselves.

A restaurant owner was handcuffed and humiliated by the Police after an attack on him by people who helped a man escape after he had urinated on the restaurant's door - this was after Police had, over the phone, instructed the restaurant owner to hold the culprit! Subsequently, the Police were going to charge the restaurant owner with actual bodily harm. Public pressure prevented this, but Police assurance of an enquiry into the behaviour of officers involved came to nothing. Again, nothing has happened.

In the incident in which Ahmed Khan was arrested:

- 15 white youths attacked the Shizar Restaurant
- Customers and staff were injured
- The Police, though repeatedly called, took 20 minutes to arrive.
- When they did come, they arrested one of the victims!

**AHMED KHAN IS INNOCENT !**  
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