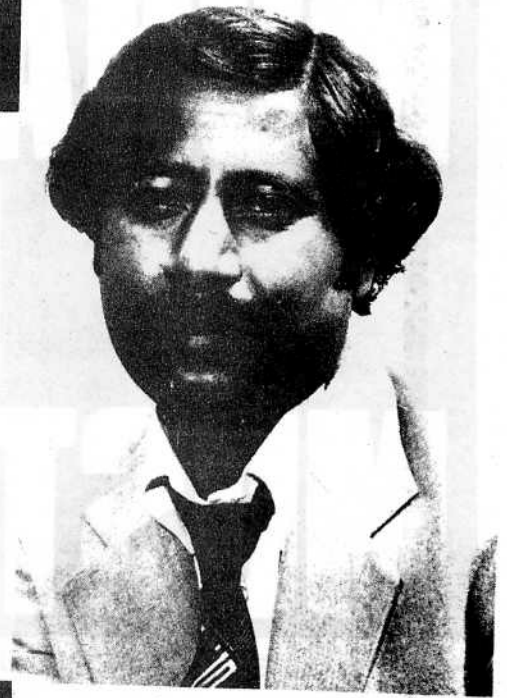


THIS NALGO MEMBER FACES DEPORTATION HE HAS COMMITTED NO CRIME



Mohammad Idrish, a founder member of the Dr Barnardo's NALGO Branch and a social worker, faces deportation at any moment. His 'crime'? He is separated from his wife.

He came to Britain from Bangladesh in 1976 to study at Bristol University. Whilst there, he married a Scottish woman. His application for formal British citizenship, to which his marriage legally entitled him, was delayed for two and a half years by the Home Office. Yet within a fortnight of separating from his wife, the Home Office were demanding that he leave the country, adding the loss of job and home to an already tragic personal crisis.

The Home Office claim the marriage was a fake marriage. If that was the case, why did they live together for 5 years? Why did they try to have children together?

NALGO nationally has supported Mohammad Idrish from the start, as have Sheffield and South Yorkshire branches locally. The Union has supported the marches and pickets of the various hearings where his case has been heard. It is the first time a national union has supported one of its members in this way. We mustn't let him down.

Despite this support, Mohammad has lost two appeals. This is probably because the Home Office minister responsible has publicly stated that he aims to discourage people campaigning against deportations.

Although NALGO has helped the campaign financially and with resolutions, fellow NALGO members have yet to respond with action at their own level.

Mohammad Idrish is only one of the thousands of victims of British Immigration control who suffer each year.

- * Currently around 250 people a month are deported from Britain, often after being held in detention
- * Thousands of families are divided for up to ten years, waiting to join parents, children or spouses in Britain
- * Passport checks at hospitals and other public places are being imposed on black people when they apply for services.

MUHAMMAD IDRISH MUST STAY!

Here's what you can do:

Write to the Home Office, protesting about Mohammad's treatment we need an avalanche of mail which will keep dozens of civil servants tied up answering it for weeks

Raise the issue of Mohammad's case, and of the Immigration Laws in general, in your political party or community group.

Come to the meetings of the local Defence Campaign on Wednesday nights at Commonground, the Wicker, Sheffield, at 8:00 p.m.

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