

IQBAL DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 17, 1985 MOHAMMED IQBAL WAS RACIALLY ABUSED AND BRUTALLY ATTACKED BY A PASSENGER, AND RECEIVED SEVERE WOUNDS ON HIS HEAD. AS IQBAL HIMSELF PUTS IT - " I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE THAT NIGHT " .

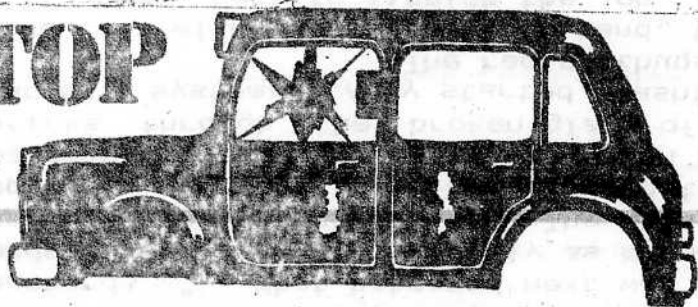
IQBAL HAD PICKED UP A FARE TO HILLSBOROUGH FROM OUTSIDE A NIGHT CLUB IN CITY CENTRE. AT THE DESTINATION, WITH HIS WIFE AND A NEIGHBOUR WATCHING, THE PASSENGER REFUSED TO PAY AND STARTED SHOUTING RACIAL ABUSE AT IQBAL. IT DID NOT STOP THERE ! HE THEN WRENCHED OUT A STICK THAT WAS HOLDING THE WINDOW BETWEEN THE TWO COMPARTMENTS OPEN AND STARTED BEATING IQBAL ON THE HEAD. AS IQBAL STRUGGLED TO GET OUT OF THE DRIVING SEAT THE ASSAULT CONTINUED AND THE OTHERS WATCHED AS BLOOD FLOWED DOWN IQBAL'S FACE, BLINDING HIM. WHEN HE MANAGED TO GET INTO THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT AND LOCK THE DOORS, HIS ATTACKER ENTERED THE DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT AND TRIED TO CONTINUE HITTING IQBAL. IT WAS ONLY WHEN IQBAL MANAGED TO GET A HAMMER OUT OF HIS TOOL BOX THAT THE ATTACKER RETREATED.

AS A RESULT OF THIS BRUTAL RACIST ATTACK, IQBAL WAS HOSPITALISED WITH EXTENSIVE HEAD INJURIES WHICH NEEDED MANY STITCHES. IT IS LIKELY THAT IQBAL, LIKE MANY OTHER TAXI DRIVERS WHO HAVE DEFENDED THEMSELVES AND FACED SERIOUS CHARGES FROM A RACIST POLICE FORCE, BEING CRIMINALISED FOR DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND LOSING THEIR LICENSE PLATES, WILL EXPERIENCE RACIST "BRITISH JUSTICE".

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

MASS PICKET 25th SEPT! ★

STOP



RACIST ATTACKS ON CABDRIVERS

P.P. S.D.C. 40 87 The Wicker, 83.

Magistrates Court
Sheffield 2:30pm

The Defence Campaign believes:

- Iqbal had the right to defend himself.
- No charges be brought against Iqbal.
- Stop police harassment and criminalisation of Black people.

RACISTS ON THE ATTACK !

It was approximately 11.00 pm on 28th August 1985 when a gang of six White men descended upon the house of Bob and Maisie Titus in the Fox Hill Estate of Sheffield, shouting " We are going to kill you, Black bastards ". What happened next was the most horrific and terrifying ordeal for the Titus family as Maisie said "They were going to kill us....it was war that night" The White racist scums armed with sticks, bottles and bricks first started to smash the front door but Bob managed to hold it back, they then started to throw the bottles and bricks through the broken glass of the door. Meanwhile, the other racists systematically started smashing all the bedroom windows.

The racist thugs only retreated when a neighbour came out with a hammer in his hand, the racists then left saying they will come back to finish the job. It was fortunate that the Titus family escaped without being physically hurt.

RACIST POLICE.

During the attack, the Police were called three times and when they did arrive 20 minutes after the attack, they failed to detain the racist thugs who were still seen hanging around the garages on the Estate. The racist attitude of the Police was again typical at the Ecclesfield Police Station where Bob Titus went to report the attack. A Insp. Morris refused to take the statement saying " There is more to this than you (Bob) are disclosing ". The Police did however come the next day to take the statement from the Titus family but refused to include the accusations against them of their response of the night before. The six White racist thugs were arrested eventually. One of the racist is serving in Northern Ireland with the imperialist British Force !

..... RACIST COURTS

The first hearing took place on the 11th September 1985 behind almost closed doors. The Police stopped the Titus family and friends from going into the court and when they were allowed in, the charges against the racists were not read out and the racist Judge handed out unconditional bail to them, adding that the racist Soldier's presence was not necessary in the second hearing ! We have yet again seen how the racist British Judiciary system rise up to collaborate with the racist Police to protect the racist and fascist scums who now walk the streets of Sheffield free.

We will not tolerate any more attacks on our families and the only way left for us to defend our families is to fight back the racist attacks. To achieve this, we should organise from within the community so that when and if there is an attack on a family, we can mobilize as many people from the community as we can. As Bob Titus said " Let us organise positively to fight back the racist attacks "

25th September 1985

10.30 am

Magistrates Courts Sheffield

against racist attacks!