

LIFE CHARGES DROPPED - BUT CAMPAIGN GOES ON

MAJOR VICTORY CLAIMED BY CAMPAIGN.

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The Oldham 9 Defence Campaign claimed a major success last night nine defendants arrested opposing a National Front ~~demo~~ march in Oldham were informed in Court on Wednesday 20th August that the serious charges of affray against all of them and malicious wounding and assault against 3 others had been dropped.

All 9 are still charged with a breach of the peace. A spokesman of the campaign said last night

"We are delighted that the life charges have been dropped. But we still demand that all the charges ~~to~~ be dropped. We are concerned that breach of the peace charges cannot be taken before a jury. Until all the charges are dropped the campaign will continue."

The 9 Defence Campaign were planning a nationwide campaign to gather support to protest at the life charges levelled at the ~~the~~ defendants. Even though the charges have been dropped the campaign is still concerned about the fact that the charges were levelled at all. It is still deeply concerned at the implications of such charges which could signal an attempt by police forces to stifle protests against fascism & fascist groups. Any such attempt will be strongly resisted by all those concerned, to stop the growth of fascist groups.

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