

OLDHAM 9 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN BRADFORD SUPPORT
GROUP

Dear sisters/brothers

On the 19th. July an anti fascist rally was called in Oldham against a proposed march by the National Front. The demo. was banned but as feared some fascists did mobilise. Their aim was to intimidate and attack the Asian community. Anti-fascists from many areas gathered at the Bangladeshi community centre. Shortly after the start of the rally it was announced that fascists were in the vicinity attacking people. A group of Bradford anti-fascists moved off to check the situation. On the way they were attacked by some 15 fascists, when they tried to defend themselves, several police vans arrived arresting all those on the Bradford mini-bus.

Those arrested now face serious charges, including malicious wounding, affray and breach of the peace. Some of the charged face life sentences.

Once again the police are attempting to criminalise workers who are defending our class against racists and fascists. fascism is not only a black concern, it involves attacks and harrasing of all tradeunionists, labour activists and it concerns anyone who fights to defend the rights of working people. Fascists use racism to divide our class along racial lines. We have to put a stop to fascistactivities and unite our people black and white.

We appeal to the best traditions of the Labour and Trade union movement to assist us in the struggle against fascism and to defend those comrades who face police victimisation.

If you wish to know more about our campaign, please do not hesitate to invite one of our speakers to explain the situation to your members.

A mass picket of the Oldham Magistrates has been called for Wednesday 20th. August at 9.30am. bus will leave Bradford at 8.15am. outside Norfolk Gardens Hotel.

We demand that all charges be dropped.

Please help our campaign by sending donations or affiliating to the campaign. The fees for affiliation are £25 organisations - £5 waged individuals - £1 unwaged individuals.

We / I wish to affiliate/send a donation to the Oldham Defence Campaign.

Name/Organisation..... Address
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