

Anti Fascists on 'Life' Charges

On the 19th of July an anti-fascist rally was called in Oldham to protest against a proposed demonstration by the National Front. The N.F. demonstration was banned but the fascists did mobilise. The Front previously stated their intention to attack black areas within the town and over the last few months attacks on mainly Asian families have risen by 50%. Prominent members of the local N.F. are on bail pending charges for these attacks.

Anti-fascists from all over the area met in the Oldham Bangladeshi community centre. Shortly after the rally started it was announced that fascists were in the vicinity attacking people. A group of anti-fascists moved off to check what was happening - including a number of people from Bradford. On the way, about 15 fascists attacked the Bradford Mini-bus. When they tried to defend themselves several police vans arrived and arrested all those on the bus. Those arrested now face serious charges, including malicious wounding, affray and breach of the peace. Some of those charged face life imprisonment.

Once again the police are attempting to criminalise those who are defending themselves against racists and fascists. A support committee has been formed in Bradford, and we are asking organisations to attend a mass picket at Oldham magistrates court on 6th. AUGUST at 9.30 a.m. We demand that all charges are dropped. We are also asking groups to form support committees in other areas, and to publicise the events as widely as possible.

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Bradford AFA is also calling for people to picket the Leeds Crown Court at 9.45 on July 28th. in support of the defendant in the Belle Vue incident, when a number of black people defended themselves against a group of racists from outside the city, who attacked them in the Manningham Lane area. MEET: 9 a.m. at the Saati Centre, 2 Hallfield Rd. (off Lumb lane)
