

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

1. WRITE letters of support to the Home Office and to your local MP quoting the Home Office reference number A331996.
2. ATTEND meetings of the Toufique Ahmed Defence Campaign at the Asian Resource Centre every Tuesday evening at 6.00 p.m. The address is

101 Villa Rd, Handsworth
Birmingham.
3. AFFILIATE to the campaign and get your organisation to affiliate as well. (£5 for organisations, £1 for individuals).
4. DISTRIBUTE leaflets and petition forms and take part in the activities arranged by the campaign.

The Toufique Ahmed Defence Campaign will provide speakers and literature about the case for any support groups/meetings that are organised.

For fuller details contact

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**HERE TO STAY
HERE TO FIGHT**

Toufique Ahmed Defence Campaign



Toufique Ahmed is yet another victim of the racist Immigration Laws. He is forcefully being separated from his wife and is being deported to Bangladesh.

**Picket the Immigration Office
Birmingham Airport
1pm Wed March 27th**

**Stop the
Deportation**

BACKGROUND.

Toufique came to this country as a visitor from Bangladesh in 1981. He was given a visa valid for six months. Whilst his visa was still valid Toufique started a relationship with a British woman Michelle Gardiner. Their courtship lasted a year and they were married on October 18th 1982.

Immediately after his marriage Toufique was tried in a magistrates court as an overstayer. Despite a request by the Home Office the magistrate did not recommend deportation and Toufique was fined £50. Toufique then made an application as the husband of a British citizen for indefinite leave to remain in this country. The Home Office refused his application stating that his primary purpose was to gain settlement in Britain ignoring the fact that Toufique and his wife had been happily living together for the past two years. He was not granted a right of appeal against the decision.

Civil representations have been made to the Home Office on Toufique's behalf by his MP, various church and community groups and others. These representations have so far proved unsuccessful.

TOUFIQUE'S VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Toufique has legally won the right to work in this country and is currently employed in Birmingham. He supports his wife and her mother who is invalided and is particularly dependent on Toufique. In addition Toufique is a valuable member of the Bengali community in the Handsworth and Lozells area of Birmingham. He renders his services voluntarily to local community centres as a counsellor, home visitor, interpreter and advisor.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF TOUFIQUE IS DEPORTED.

If Toufique is deported from Britain he would have few prospects of supporting his family. His wife would be condemned to living alone or in a country with whose culture she is not familiar. At the same time his mother-in-law would lose the much needed support of Toufique and Michelle. Deportation would mean the breakup of the family (contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights).

BLACK PEOPLE AND THE IMMIGRATION LAWS.

Toufique is being deported because he is BLACK. From the early sixties successive governments have brought in legislation including Immigration Laws which deny black people basic rights and justice. Under these laws the immigration officials act as judge and jury effecting the mass deportation of black people from this country. At present about 250 black people are deported from Britain every month. The sheer number of deportations indicates that the government are using the Immigration Laws to repatriate black people. The Immigration apparatus is today so extensive that teachers, police, doctors and lawyers have been known to provide information to the Home Office for the harassment of black people. These racist laws are designed to attack black people, create fear in our communities and thus control our resistance to racism in Britain.

THE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN.

The Toufique Ahmed Defence Campaign has been set up to

- * Fight for Toufique's RIGHT TO STAY
- * OPPOSE ALL immigration laws.

We need your support. With it Toufique's case CAN be won and MUST be won.

TOUFIQUE MUST STAY

SMASH IMMIGRATION LAWS