



A MASSIVE demonstration against racism and police intimidation will take place in Newham in east London on May 11.

The demonstration has been called by the Newham 7 Defence Campaign in response to the attack by the police on a similar mobilisation of over 4000 people in Newham on April 27. The National Demonstration Against Racism and Racist Attacks was supported by Asian, Afro-Caribbean and other minority communities and anti-racists who defiantly marched in solidarity with the Newham 7 and other victims of racism in Britain.

As the marchers proceeded past the Forest Gate police station 'Snatch Squads' spearheaded a brutal assault on the demonstration in a blatant attempt to quash the militant action. The demonstrators refused to move on until the arrested people were released.

The police offensive had clearly succeeded

in ruining the planned schedule of the demonstration, but the sheer anger and commitment of the demonstrators proved too much for the 'boys in blue' who only succeeded in dispersing the picket of Forest Gate police station after almost four hours of violent assaults on men, women and children.

Anti-racists in Newham have organised the May 11 demonstration to complete their planned march and rally. In addition to being an angry protest against racism and a march in solidarity with the Newham 7 the demonstration will also stand as concrete proof that intimidatory police tactics will not be tolerated and that brutality will only strengthen the anti-racist backlash.

As Umnes Desai of the Newham 7 Defence Campaign, which organised the demonstration pointed out to *Asian Times*:

"This demonstration on May 11 will prove to the police that we will march wherever

and whenever we want to.

"On April 27 the police attempted to sabotage the march – they did not want us to go down Green Street or to complete the planned route."

The Newham 7 Defence Campaign is calling for all anti-racists and anti-fascists throughout Britain to join in unity with the local Newham campaigns including the Justice for the Pryce's Campaign and others committed to the main themes of the demonstration: "Self Defence is No Offence," "Newham 7 – Innocent".

Assemble at Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, London E6 at 1pm for 2pm.

A picket of the Old Bailey in London will take place on May 13 where the Newham 7 will be appearing, charged with affray.

For further information about both events contact Umnes or Carol: (01) 555 8151.