

Campaign

Bangladesh Divided Families Campaign
c/o Bangladesh Cultural Centre
Main Road, Oldham
Lancashire

Many members of the Bangladesh community have been settled here for over ten years. Despite their representations and independent investigations their relations with rights to enter the country have been denied access.

Khan and Kaur Family Defence Campaign
c/o Tipu Sultan Centre
642 Stockport Rd.,
Longsight
Manchester 13

Parveen Khan and Manjit Kaur have both recently won their struggle to get Child Benefit. Their fight does not end there unfortunately. The threat of deportation still looms when the Home Office has completed its investigations into their cases.

Esther Ankeli Committee Against Deportation
c/o Abasindi Co-operative
Moss Side People's Centre
St Marys St., Moss Side
Manchester 15

(061) 226 6837

Esther came from Nigeria to join her husband nearly seven years ago but because of the breakdown of her marriage in 1980 she is now faced with the threat of deportation.

Anwar Mohammed Defence Campaign
c/o 300 Oxford Rd.,
Manchester M13 9NS

Anwar was being held in Strangeways Jail awaiting deportation to South Africa. He faced torture and imprisonment there because of his previous political activity. He was only released because he went on complete hunger strike and would have died within a few days. His immigration status has not been clarified.

NEWHAM 8 CONSPIRACY CHARGES

(extract from Newham 8 Defence Campaign Bulletin)

Both nationally and regionally a worrying pattern of racist and fascist activity is beginning to emerge. This inter-twined with mass unemployment in our inner cities means that racist attacks are becoming a permanent fact of life for black people.

In Newham, a 'front-line area', where we had the dubious honour of receiving the highest National Front polls in the last election large chunks are becoming no-go areas for black people.

Our community is spat on in the streets, our houses burnt down, our windows are smashed and our members assaulted. The Newham police refuse, ignore or are unable to protect us from this onslaught. As a result many families on estates in Newham are too afraid to walk on the street after dusk.

In the face of so much injustice the black community has no alternative but to defend itself. Often the youth are forced to act as guardians of the community. The Newham 8 defended themselves and their community after witnessing weeks of racist activity at Little Ilford School, which the police did little to prevent. But when black people defend themselves it becomes a political crime. So the Newham 8 are charged with conspiracy, a law over 100 years old (which is increasingly being used against black people and trade union activists) and carries the possibility of a life sentence.

SELF DEFENCE IS
NO OFFENCE

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Date Time Event

8th 9.30am Picket in support of Moyna Miah who has been trying for seven years to bring his wife and three sons to join him in Rochdale. Immigration Tribunal, Aldane House Bridge St., off Deansgate. For more information contact Bangladesh Divided Families Campaign.

24th 1pm National March against Racism and Racist attacks in London called by Newham 8 Defence Campaign. For details of transport from Manchester ring Robin on 061 225 6886.(daytime only).

OCTOBER

Date Time Event

1st 1-5pm Conference on Racism, the Police and Education. Speakers include Anwar Ditta, A.Sivanandan, Colin Prescod. and John Fernandes. For further information contact Newham Monitoring Project, 285 Romford Rd., Forest Gate London E7 (tele.01 555 8151). Creche and stall space are available.

8th 11.30am Demonstration in support of Muhammad Idrish's right to stay in the country in Birmingham. Coaches from Manchester - contact Caroline Bedale, Day-061 834 8980 : Evening-061 620 9497

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Date Time Event

18th 7.30pm Breaking Barriers and Making Links: A set of talks and discussion including Migration in the Phillipines and Migration from Bangladesh to Britain. Plus photo exhibition. St Peters Chaplaincy, Oxford rd., Manchester.

29th 10-5.30pm Racism in th Eighties. A day long conference organised jointly by TUBE and MANUS. Speakers are to be arranged. For further details contact TUBE - 224 7014 MANUS - 273 5954 (Tim Perry)

To include details of other campaigns or future events in subsequent issues of this Newsletter, please send details to JCAD, c/o Tipu Sultan Centre, 642 Stockport Rd., Longsight, Manchester.