

DEFEND NASIRA BEGUM FROM DEPORTATION!

Nasira Begum came to this country from Pakistan in 1976 to visit her brother. While here, she met and later married a British citizen. Now 3 years later, the government wants to deport her. WHY?

DESERTION MEANS DEPORTATION

Nasira's marriage was perfectly legal. However, after 3 months she was deserted by her husband and made to go and live in Manchester. She was treated the same as any deserted woman. But Nasira also had to face the racist immigration laws and fears of deportation. After marrying, she applied to stay here permanently. That was 3 years ago. However, the Home Office has now declared that because her husband will not live with her, Nasira is not allowed to remain in Britain. Under the direction of the Home Office, she was given until September 29th to leave this country.

NO RIGHT OF APPEAL

As if the Immigration Act is not bad enough, the courts have made sure it is even worse. Nasira applied to stay here 2 days after her visa expired. Because of a recent court decision, this means that she has lost all right of appeal. If arrested she would be held in a detention centre, without trial, for an indefinite period, before being deported.

POLICE INTERVENTION

The government has recently given a directive to the police to arrest within 14 days anyone who stays here after the Home Office has refused to extend their visa. This is intended to prevent people organising in their own defence. Although Nasira was not arrested on September 29th, she is not safe, and lives in constant fear of arrest.

SUPPORT NASIRA BEGUM

Nasira does not wish to leave this country - she has made Britain her home. However she will not be able to stay without a lot of support. Other struggles against deportations have only been won through mass campaigns which demonstrate the extent of opposition to these racist attacks.

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NO MORE DEPORTATIONS

Nasira Begum is one of many people facing deportation under the immigration laws. On September 27th a Longsight man was deported, leaving his wife and family in Britain.

Said Bibi is an 80 year old widow. She is totally dependant on her family in Rochdale - but she faces forcible removal from this country at any time.

Her crime? She is old, infirm (almost blind and partially deaf), has no one to care for her in Pakistan - and she came for a visit.

Said Bibi first applied for permission to join her family here in 1978, when she knew she would soon be alone in Pakistan. She was refused entry. She appealed against this decision immediately. She has heard nothing since.

In August of this year Said Bibi came to visit her family. At first she was refused entry, but then granted a short stay.

Now she has been told to leave immediately. The only reason she has not been deported already is because she has been too ill to travel.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

The Friends of Nasira Begum have picketed the Manchester Immigration Appeals Office twice and the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool, have held street meetings in Stockport and Longsight, and have organised a local public meeting. The support of Stockport MP Andrew Bennett has been given. The campaign has also approached trade union, political, Asian and black organisations to gain their support for Nasira Begum, and have met with much success. Many people have already signed letters to the Home Secretary demanding that Nasira Begum be allowed to stay in this country - 200 people signed such a letter in one hour in Longsight !

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1) Write to the Home Secretary, Queen Anne's Gate, Whitehall, London.
- 2) Write to your MP at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW 1.
- 3) Pass a resolution through your trade union or other organisation.
- 4) Donate money. Cheques payable to Friends of Nasira Begum.
- 5) Contact us, and we'll tell you about pickets, street meetings and meetings that we organise. Then support them!

Contact:-

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