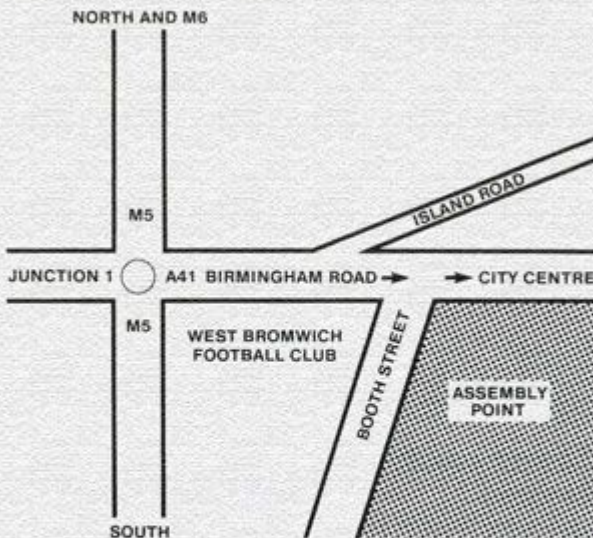


How to get there



Supporters travelling from the North of Birmingham, South and East of Birmingham

M6 until Junction 8, then M5 (Southbound) to Junction 1 - then A41 towards Birmingham City Centre (see map above).

Coaches may be parked in Booth Street and roads surrounding Recreation Ground.

Buses from Birmingham: 74 and 79 to the City Centre (Board at Stevenson Street City Centre)

Supporters coming from the South West and Wales

M5 Northbound until Junction 1 - then follow directions as per (a).

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MOHAMMAD MUST STAY!
 National march and rally Birmingham Saturday 8 October
 Assemble 11.00 am Booth Street Recreation Ground off Soho Road Handsworth
 March to Chamberlain Square City Centre for rally
 Speakers: Clare Short MP John Daly Mohammad Idrish plus other speakers
NALGO says stop the deportation now!



Mohammad must stay!

Mohammad Idrish is a founder member of the Barnardo's Branch of NALGO and has been threatened with deportation. He came to this country from Bangladesh in 1976 to study at Bristol University. While there he met a Scottish girl, whom he married two years later. He had originally applied for permission to stay shortly after his marriage. After a year the Home Office claimed to have lost the application and a new one had to be presented. Unfortunately, after two and half years' marriage, the couple split up. Within weeks

Mohammad was told that this application for permanent residence had been turned down.

Mohammad Idrish appealed against the Home Office decision, and the appeal was heard by a Home Office appointed Adjudicator. It is reported that the main consideration during the adjudication was whether the marriage was valid or whether Mohammad had merely used it to get permanent residence. The Adjudicator dismissed the appeal.

The issue of alleged marriages of convenience has been the subject of two House of Commons debates, and branches are advised that when the issue was discussed in Parliament in 1977 and again earlier this year MPs were assured that 12 months' marriage was reasonable for estimating validity of a marriage.

It should be noted that Mohammad was married for 2½ years and is not divorced. Nevertheless, the Adjudicator refused leave for permanent residence. At present, High Court proceedings on behalf of Mohammad are pending, in order to see whether the Adjudicator's decision can be set aside.

It is worth noting that Mohammad Idrish successfully completed his course in further education at Bristol University and whilst in Bristol he worked voluntarily for the Bengali and other Asian communities in the city, and the Bristol Council for Community Relations has testified to the importance of his work. Since 1980 he has been employed as a social worker in West Bromwich, where he has maintained his commitment

to voluntary work in the community. His employers, Dr. Barnardo's, have also affirmed the high quality and value of his work, which they regard as essential in view of the large number of children from ethnic minorities in their care.

Support so far

The importance of this work and the opposition to his deportation are shown by the support given to the Mohammad Idrish Defence Campaign by many NALGO branches, other trade unions, ethnic minority organisations, the local CRE and the Council of Churches. The National Executive Council together with the Metropolitan and West Midland District Councils have also given their support. The action by trade unions and voluntary organisations is further endorsed by an impressive list of support by MPs, political parties and some councils.

250 people a month leave the country

Approximately 250 people a month are either deported or leave this country as a result of current immigration laws, and consequently black people are denied full rights in the U.K.

Under these laws people may be imprisoned without trial, the Home Office makes the charges, appoints the adjudicator, and the final appeal can only be made to the Home Secretary himself.

Mohammad's case is an illustration of the present Government's offensive against working people,

black and white, who are active in the unions and community. Such cases must be taken up actively by the labour movement, as part of the struggle against racist laws.

Invite a speaker

The National Executive Council is eager to encourage districts and branches to give maximum publicity to the Mohammad Idrish campaign, and if you require further information or wish to invite speakers (including Mohammad Idrish) to address branch meetings, please do so by contacting the District Organisation Officer West Midland District 7th floor Tower Block Centre City 7 Hill Street Birmingham 5 or telephone 021-643 6084 and ask for the NALGO Mohammad Idrish Defence Campaign.

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**Demonstrate on 8 October!
 Mohammad must stay!**