

Free Satpal Ram (Live)

Asian Dub Foundation

The scales of justice
Weighed down on one side
Freemasons on the case
You know you're gonna get a rough ride
Hold tight, even if you know your rights
It's just a piece of paper unless you're prepared to fight
For ten years, one hell of a long time to rot in a cell
When you've committed no crime
Another innocent man forced to carry the can
Free Satpal Ram!

Whose word against who?
The degenerate crew out on the town
Thought they had something to prove
Self defence is no offence
Had to protect himself from the murderous fools
Cutting remarks on account of his race
A plate to the chest and a glass in his face
An Asian fights back
Can't afford to be meek
With your back against the wall
You can't turn the other cheek.

Back away all you trouble makers
Fix up your brains 'cos you're the biggest fakers
You come in the place
Do you know who you are?
Free Satpal Ram!

Satpal Ram has been in prison for 10 years now, unjustly convicted of murder. He was attacked in a restaurant in Birmingham by six racists. Having been glassed in the face he had no choice but to defend himself. One of the attackers got injured and later died after refusing treatment. Satpal was subsequently charged with murder.

Satpal was provided with lawyers who refused to argue his case. They made him change his plea of self-defence to that of manslaughter. Most of the prosecution evidence came from the group that attacked Satpal.

The all-white jury missed vital evidence because no interpreter was provided. The judge said he would interpret

but couldn't speak a word of Bengali.

The jury weren't asked to consider if Satpal's actions were in self-defence and found him guilty.

It's taken ten years to get the Criminal Justice System to allow any appeal.

Enough is Enough!

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