

ORGANISATION

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Transparency and accountability



After years of cloak-and-dagger secrecy with the party leader having sole access to national funds and accounting records, the BNP now has a fully accountable financial system compete with close scrutiny of all transactions by key officials. All money received at national level is paid in to the bank and recorded by the Administration Director, Chris Green. He cannot, however, issue cheques or otherwise withdraw any funds, this being the job of National Treasurer John Brayshaw. Trafalgar Club donations are similarly paid in by the Club Secretary, while cheques are issued by Club Treasurer Scott McLean. All records of funds in and out are then scrutinised by BNP Auditor, Tamworth Organiser Keith Boyall.

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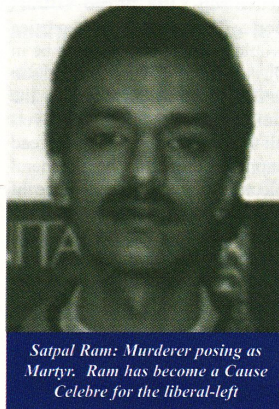
The accounts are then presented to and discussed at a meeting of the Advisory Council and, of course, the Inland Revenue has to approve them as well. Yet another layer of scrutiny is also about to be brought in as a result of the new laws on party political funding, so there will be an extra group of bureaucrats confirming that everything is in order. Such transparency and accountability, however, is not just a matter of complying with the law.

An election pledge

As Mr. Griffin told *Identity*, "introducing such a system was a key pledge of mine during the 1999 leadership election. Naturally, accounts couldn't be produced until the new administration had a full year's worth of figures. "Unfortunately we can't compare them with previous years' figures because none were ever issued, but there's no doubt that our growing national income is well looked after and carefully spent. When you consider the huge amounts available to our political rivals, you realise that we achieve near miracles on a shoestring. "Obviously we could achieve even more with a longer shoestring, and it is vitally important that our local and regional organisations put more effort into fund-raising over the year ahead. The fuel our political machine runs on is the energy and enthusiasm of all our activists, but the oil it uses is money. Fund-raising has always tended to be our Cinderella, we need to make it our top priority."

● Killer's hate campaign against victim FROM MURDERER

Noisy campaigns by ethnic minority lobbyists and the far left have gone a long way to creating the totally false impression that white people are always the perpetrators of racist attacks, rather than increasingly the innocent victims of racist hate crimes. The latest cause celebre of the left goes even further, portraying a racist murderer as a victim of white racism! Independent researcher ALEXANDER BARON's exposé of this cynical propaganda ploy has been turned down by various national newspapers, so *Identity* now brings you the truth about Satpal Ram.



Satpal Ram: Murderer posing as Martyr. Ram has become a Cause Celebre for the liberal-left

A well-organised campaign by the supporters of a vicious killer is trying not only to win his freedom by whitewashing his crime but is engaged in a long-running hate campaign against the victim and his family. Satpal Ram was convicted of the brutal knife murder of 22 year old Post Office worker Clarke Pearce at Birmingham Crown Court in June 1987, after an argument about music in an Indian restaurant.

On to a more suitable arena

The Court of Appeal has twice rejected submissions that Ram's conviction was flawed, confirming that he received a fair trial. Ram and his supporters have lost the fight in the court of law, so they are fighting on in the court of public opinion which has no rules of procedure and evidence, and where the most outrageous lies and distortions are taken at face value by a compliant and spineless media.

The supporter's story

The story according to Ram's supporters is that Satpal Ram was the victim of a "brutal racist

attack" but due to police racism he himself was charged. Six drunken white people came into the restaurant where he and his friends were dining, and over the course of the evening racially abused the staff.

In fear of his life?

After the gallant Ram protested, Clarke Pearce slashed his face with a broken glass and backed him into a corner. In fear of his life, Ram drew "a small knife" that he used in his work, and after the drunken brute lunged at Ram, he was stabbed in the ensuing scuffle. Ram left Pearce "still shouting racist abuse" and went to have his injuries treated, while Pearce himself went to hospital but was very abusive to the medical staff, refused to be treated by a woman doctor, pulled out his drips, went home and died. Ram's barrister was incompetent and changed his defence from self-defence to provocation (without his client's consent). Important witnesses

were either not called or were not heard properly because the court failed to provide interpreters. Satpal Ram is innocent, framed by a corrupt, "racist" system.

The truth very different

The truth though is very different. Ram was armed with a knife; Clarke Pearce wasn't. In Britain it is an offence to carry a knife or any offensive weapon without a lawful excuse, and there is no lawful excuse for carrying a flick knife, the weapon Ram used in a frenzied attack on his victim. Ram's supporters continue to claim

that the knife used was a penknife, but the weapon was never recovered, and the dead man's sister, Mrs Nadine O'Neill, gave compelling evidence that her brother was stabbed with a flick knife: he opened it with one hand, she said.

Drunk and abusive

After stabbing Pearce, Ram went into the toilet and calmly cleaned himself up, then as he left the restaurant he asked if Clarke was dead. It is true that Ram sought medical treatment himself after the incident; he attended a different hospital, but according to a contemporary press report "he was so drunk and abusive that doctors could not attend to his injury". Clarke Pearce did not go home after refusing treatment. It does seem to be true that he was

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uncooperative at the hospital, but his sister, who had seen his neck slashed open in the attack, said that she was obviously in shock and probably thought that the staff who tried

to hold him still were attacking him. He was pronounced dead at 4.23am, less than two hours after the attack.

Perverting the truth!

She was disgusted that Ram's supporters tried to plead this "refusal of medical treatment" as the reason her brother died. So was the Court of Appeal. What of the claim that Ram's barrister was incompetent? Douglas Draycott advised Ram not to give evidence, and the jury took a mere half an hour to convict him. An accused's failure to give evi-

extends beyond the grave TO MARTYR

dence is a double edged tactic. On the one hand a jury draw an adverse inference from it, whatever warnings the judge may give to the contrary. On the other hand, an accused who holds his tongue cannot be cross-examined.

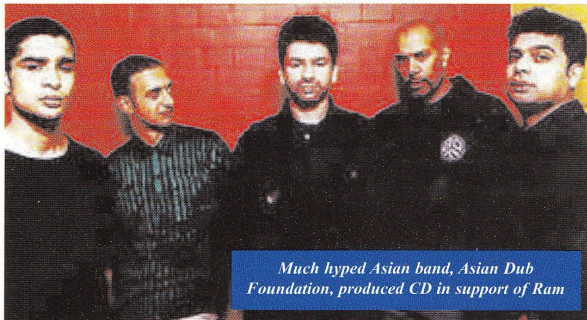
Star witness

If Ram had given evidence he would have had to explain what happened to the knife, why he

the star witness for the prosecution. Draycott clearly realised that he was defending a hopeless case and advised Ram to take the course which would give the prosecution the least ammunition to shoot his client down.

Another lie

Far from being incompetent, Douglas Draycott was a top flight QC; called to the Bar in 1950, he took silk in 1965 and was Leader



Much hyped Asian band, Asian Dub Foundation, produced CD in support of Ram

was carrying an illegal weapon, and why he tried to procure a passport (Ram was born in Britain) from an Asian taxi driver. In short, he would have been

of the Midland and Oxford Circuit (an elected post) from 1979 to 1983. He was also a Recorder. Ram's junior counsel, Stephen Linehan, took silk in

1993. In its 1995 judgment, the Court of Appeal stated that "It was clear that counsel made a much deeper appraisal of the implications of the evidence likely to be given and concluded that self-defence could not be argued... The evidence of the weapon used by the appellant and the stab wounds in the back were quite inconsistent with self-defence as was the evidence of his aggressive behaviour and words." Ram's supporters claim that Douglas Draycott - who died in December 1997 - admitted later that he had made a mistake. His chambers tell a different story. A spokesman said that in 1995, Draycott demanded, and received, a retraction from Radio 5 over claims that he had misread the pathologist's report. Despite all this, the Ram campaign's propaganda machine rolls on.

A torrent of abuse!

There has been a picket of Downing Street, and the group Asian Dub Foundation continue to peddle their cult hit "Free Satpal Ram." Nadine O'Neill describes the song as 'garbage.'

She and her family have had to endure anonymous phone calls,

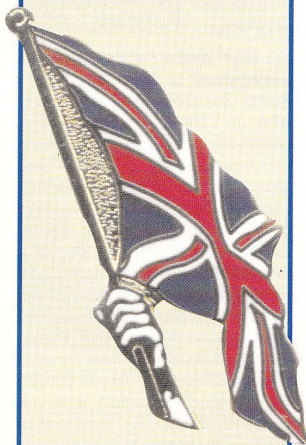
threats, and a torrent of abuse directed at the family's supposed racism. In fact, the night her brother was murdered he had been playing snooker with an Asian friend. She is scornful of the media who, after seeking her and her family's version of events the night her brother died, invariably shut up like clams and claim they can't report them for "legal reasons". As for Ram's supporters, their leader, Sara Thornton murdered her husband in 1989 as he lay on the settee in a drunken stupor.

Lobbying the key

After intense lobbying by "women's groups" her murder conviction was quashed and in 1996, after a retrial, she was sentenced to five years for manslaughter, and walked free time served. Thornton's supporters successfully portrayed her late husband as a drunken brute, in spite of compelling evidence to the contrary. This time it is not "women's groups" but the "anti-racist" lobby who are slandering the dead, and they are trying to get the case before the Court of Appeal yet again.

Editor's Comment: White people generally must realise that a pro-minority propaganda machine so powerful that it can portray murderers as heroes is a deadly danger to our traditions of justice and fair play; a danger that can only be countered when white victims and their families also start to organise to stand up for their rights.

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