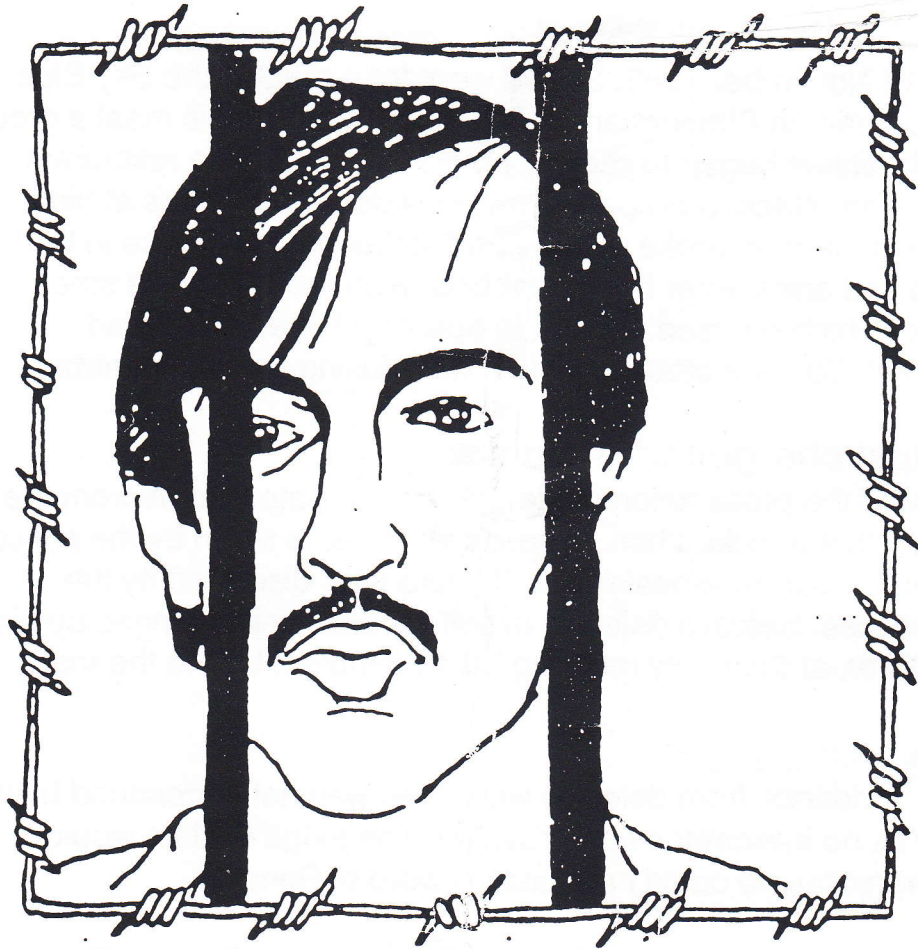


FREE SATPAL RAM!



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**FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 9.30 AM
APPEAL COURT, THE STRAND
(HOLBORN, CHANCERY LANE TUBE)**

SATPAL RAM IS INNOCENT

Racist attack on Satpal

On 16 November 1986, Satpal went for a meal at the Sky Blue Restaurant in Birmingham. While he was having his meal a group of six whites began to racially abuse the staff of the restaurant and then attacked Satpal, throwing plates and glasses at him. One of the men broke a glass and stabbed Satpal twice in the face and arms. After being stabbed twice Satpal used a small knife (which he used at work to open packages) to defend himself. Satpal's attacker died after refusing medical treatment.

Satpal charged with murder

Most of the prosecution evidence against Satpal came from the group that attacked him. Witness statements taken by the police, from the Bengali-speaking staff, were later disowned by the witnesses. Satpal's defence of self-defence was changed by his barrister, at their only meeting (of 40 minutes) before the trial.

The trial

Vital evidence from defence witnesses was not understood by the jury as no interpreter was provided. The judge said he would interpret but he could not speak a word of Bengali!

Satpal was convicted of murder by an all-white jury. Because of bad legal advice Satpal did not receive a fair trial – the jury were never able to consider that Satpal acted in self-defence. Satpal has now spent over eight and a half years in prison for defending his life against a racist attack. His appeal hearing will be his last chance for freedom and justice.

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