



Press release

National Black Police Association Condemns Violent Attack on South Asian Males at Manchester Airport

The National Black Police Association (NBPA) expresses its deep concern and condemnation following the recent violent attack on South Asian males by police officers from Greater Manchester Police (GMP) at Manchester Airport. This incident, which has sparked widespread outrage and concern within our members and communities, highlights the urgent need for accountability, transparency, and immediate action.

We strongly object to any form of violence against police officers, as it endangers the safety and well-being of those dedicated to protecting our communities. However, when an officer uses excessive force and violence towards a member of the public who is visibly compliant, it is equally unacceptable. We support the decision by GMP to suspend the officer(s) involved and appreciate there may have been several factors that contributed to the need for the subject to be detained and physically restrained. However, from the footage that has emerged, we believe disproportionate force was applied, creating a deep sense of fear and insecurity among community members.

We are aware that IOPC has taken over the investigation and we support this action. The NBPA calls for a thorough, impartial and expeditious investigation into this serious, troubling incident and emphasizes the importance of ensuring that justice is served and that those responsible for this egregious act are held accountable.

Such incidents undermine public trust and confidence in our police services, which are meant to protect and serve all members of our diverse communities. We believe this incident has added more harm to trust and confidence in police. It is imperative that police conduct themselves with the highest standards of professionalism and respect the human rights of every citizen.

The NBPA remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable treatment for all individuals, regardless of their background. We urge Greater Manchester Police to take this incident seriously, implement necessary reforms, and engage in meaningful dialogue with community leaders and the local Black and Asian Police Association to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Social media plays a crucial role in raising awareness of societal issues that might otherwise have gone undetected and provides a platform for the public who are expressing their outrage over this incident to hold the police to account.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and support efforts to promote justice and equality within the policing system.

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