

# Justice for Habib 'Paps' Ullah

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## #StandUpWycombe #WeCantBreathe

Justice4Paps will be holding a peaceful candlelit vigil on Saturday 20th December 5-7.30pm outside High Wycombe Police Station to mark Habib 'Paps' Ullah's birthday and his children will be giving in a birthday card as they normally do each December.

We will also remember ALL who have died at the hands of the Police & the State in the UK and in the US in 2014 & the ongoing campaigns for justice. Since last year there have been the high profile deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner in America but in the UK there have been a number of deaths in custody, after police custody and in Immigration Centres, prisons and YOI's.

It's been a tremendously busy and difficult year for the family campaign. Habib's death was finally referred to the CPS in February and in August they made a decision not to prosecute the officers involved. On the same day the IPCC recommended to Thames Valley Police that the SAME officers be subject to a disciplinary hearing for gross misconduct. The family are now looking to consider challenging the CPS decision and are committed to continuing the fight for justice.

*'When an obvious crime or serious of criminal incidents are committed by police officers then why is threshold for real prosecution set at such a high standard? In Habib's case the officers changed their statements to make to fit around what had happened, these are trained professional personal who know the weight of statements. They knew exactly what they were doing yet even under oath the prosecuting authorities have chosen to simply ignore the facts.. We are also pained to learn of the decision not to prosecute the officers that racially abused and assaulted Faruk Ali<sup>1</sup> in Luton despite their being recorded evidence of their assault and abuse. More and more the focus is on the reluctance and hesitance of prosecuting authorities and so we continue to fight for that Justice.'*

Zia Ullah, Justice4Paps

In 2015 there will be inquests for Habib & Kingsley Burrell as well as others. We will also be asking WHY it takes so long for justice to be served when people die in custody. Next year it will be SEVEN years since Habib died in Sharrow Vale, High Wycombe

*'This year has been very difficult yet important as we've been through mixed decisions and unclear conclusions from the CPS. With clear evidence of perjury and gross misconduct use of force its still a mystery how officers get away with murder. Its more and more clear that the CPS is only there to excuse/cover police corruption even when crime is crystal clear. They are NOT working with integrity & we don't have any faith in them, but we will carry on fighting until justice is served. No justice No peace.'*

Nasrit Mahmood, sister of Habib

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-30411557>

**Notes to editors:**

The Justice for Habib 'Paps' Ullah/Justice4Paps campaign was set up in July 2008 after the death of Habib during a routine stop and search in a car park in High Wycombe.

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