

Representation of Ethnic Minorities and Migrants in the *South Belfast News***Introduction**

The *South Belfast News* (SBN) is a free newspaper, published by the Belfast Media Group and distributed to 6500 households in South Belfast (BT3,4,5,6 and 8)¹ every week. It defines itself as a “community newspaper”, focusing on the “key issues which affect the South Belfast community, from planning to crime”. Any kind of media, however, can only be considered as a representation of reality: bias, selectivity, editorial and authorial prejudices, and the target audience all have a distorting influence on the message.

To analyse this distortion, a theme was picked: ethnic minorities and migrants. As globalisation has progressed over the past decades, and with the entry of twelve countries in the European Union since 2004², this particular issue was deemed especially interesting, since it was bound to have generated some coverage, and because it is tightly connected to “newsworthy” concepts such as exotic cultures, racism and discrimination, and problems of integration and identity.

The goal of this study, then, is to compare and contrast the representation of ethnic minorities and migrants in this local newspaper with other non-media sources, such as government statistics, reports from relevant organisations, or field studies. At the same time, it is important to introduce a few theoretical perspectives associated with both media and ethnic minorities. In addition, other sources such as field studies of particular communities, such as Ballynafeigh or the Village, will be used to get yet another angle.

¹ Belfast Media Group (2008) South Belfast News Coverage Map.

² These countries are also known as the “Accession Countries”: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia in 2004, and Bulgaria and Romania in 2007.

Literature Review

The choice of this particular topic was quite accidental; in fact, it was triggered by a copy of the *South Belfast News* being put in the mailbox. Initially, the original subject was supposed to be the representation of community in general by a local newspaper, but it was quickly obvious that the scope was far too large and had to be narrowed to a particular subgroup, which would still receive a fairly good coverage. As the start of the collection of the issues coincided with the Chinese New Year and contained several items about this celebration, the specific theme of “ethnicity” (i.e. ethnic minorities, migrants, multiculturalism) appeared as a good candidate.

In Giddens’ *Sociology*, the chapters concerning race, ethnicity and migration³, and the media⁴ were a good starting point, introducing different theories and general observations about both themes. Concerning ethnic minorities, the book underlines the recent increase in global migration since the 1960s (coinciding for the UK with the decline of the British Empire), and more recently the impact of globalisation and the European Union. Some figures are especially interesting: one illustrating the recent rise of public concern in the UK about race and immigration since 1998⁵, and one underlining that, in 2001, Northern Ireland had a proportionally far smaller non-white population than any other region in the UK⁶. The part about the media introduces several modern theories by Habermas (the “public sphere”), Baudrillard (“hyper-reality”) and Thompson (“mediated quasi-interaction”); in these paradigms, the local newspaper can be understood as an important voice of the community, a construction of “a”

³ Giddens, A. (2006) *Sociology, 5th Edition*. Cambridge: Polity Press, ch.13, pp. 482-529.

⁴ Giddens, A. (2006), ch.15, pp.584-633.

⁵ Giddens, A. (2006), figure 13.1, p.505.

⁶ Giddens, A. (2006), figure 13.3, p.509.

community, or a one-sided, monological discourse aimed at multiple individuals across a given area.

Bowling Alone (Putnam, 2000), although it deals with a different subject, contains some reflections about the importance of newspapers and community associations (such as the Chinese Welfare Association, or CWA), which have a positive correlation with social capital. Using his model, the CWA in particular appears as an organisation which facilitates “bonding” between members, “bridging” with the rest of the population through events and festivals and “linking” with institutions, as is indeed the case with Anna Lo, an Alliance MLA for South Belfast and a former CWA chairwoman⁷). Coverage in a local newspaper will reinforce those three aspects, especially the “bridging” one.

More to the point, Liz Fawcett’s article, ‘Fitting In: Ethnic Minorities and the News Media’⁸, is an example of a previous study about the same subject. She underlines several potential pitfalls of the handling of such minorities by the local media: resorting to sensationalism (i.e. underlining exoticism or otherness), only giving a voice to communities whose views fit in with those of the institutions, playing up racism or portraying people as voiceless victims or criminals. An example of this in the sample is the case of an attack on the Ormeau Road⁹: the article starts with “A Polish man who was assaulted [...]”, but in the last paragraph we are told that “a police spokesman said there was nothing about the assault that pointed towards a racial motive”.

To obtain some figures about ethnic minorities and issues such as racism and discrimination, reports and surveys from a variety of organisations have been taken into

⁷ agendaNI (2008) *Northern Ireland Yearbook 2008*. Moira: BMF Publishing, p.46.

⁸ Hainsworth, P ed. (1998) *Divided Society: Ethnic Minorities and Racism in Northern Ireland*. London: Pluto Press, pp.104-124.

⁹ Figure 5: 16 February 2008, Page 3. “Man hospitalised after Ormeau assault”.

account: NISRA¹⁰, PSNI/RUC¹¹, NICEM¹², ARK¹³ (especially for the Northern Ireland Life and Times survey) amongst others. What appears quickly when trying to gather this kind of information is the difficulty of defining ethnic minorities: the more integrated they are, the less visible they become. Apart from the first-generation immigrants, individuals might not necessarily consider themselves as belonging to an ethnic minority: they might only be considered so by some other people. Migrant workers, on the other hand, are by definition a highly mobile population and therefore it might be misleading to group them as a community.

Finally, a study such as the one about Ballynafeigh (Byrne, Hansson and Bell, 2006), although not focussed on ethnic minorities, can give a human dimension to the subject¹⁴, for instance: the increase in the number of Chinese families moving to the Annadale flats, the mass in Polish provided by the Good Shepherd Church, or the language courses offered by GEMS in the local community house. Unlike a local newspaper which will be interested in “stories”, short narratives which often lack depth and perspective, interviews such as the ones conducted in this study give an insight into personal “histories”.

Based on this literature, the theoretical background of this essay could be summarised as follows: firstly, it is important to separate the media, the message and the real world. Secondly, it must be underlined that ethnic minorities – and indeed all communities – are largely artificial groups, in this particular case often defined from the outside, the result of a partition between “us” and “them”. Thirdly, this dichotomy is particularly salient where racism and

¹⁰ Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

¹¹ Police Service of Northern Ireland, formerly Royal Ulster Constabulary.

¹² Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities.

¹³ Access Research Knowledge (Northern Ireland).

¹⁴ Byrne, J., Hansson, U. and Bell, J. (2006) *Shared Living: Mixed Residential Communities in Northern Ireland*. Belfast: Institute for Conflict Research, pp.47-49.

discrimination are concerned, of course, but it is also subtly present even in well-meaning coverage depicting communities as different or exotic (what Edward Said calls “Orientalism”).

Methodology

The primary source for this study consists in weekly issues of the *South Belfast News*, from the 9 February to the 19 April 2008 (12 issues all in all). Articles, photographs or comments related to migrants or ethnic minorities have been selected and constitute the sample listed in the Appendix. However, advertisements, for instance for Chinese or Indian restaurants, have not been taken into account, although it can be argued that they are, in a way, part of the representation of ethnic minorities. Some articles written by (or featuring) Anna Lo where not included in the sample if she was considered in her role as a member of the Assembly or the Alliance Party and if the theme was not related to ethnic minorities. In some cases, especially for photographs, individuals have been assumed to belong to an ethnic minority if they are non-white or if their full name suggests it; this is justified by underlining that it is how they are perceived which matters.

It is also important to answer three questions about the considered media: who, why and for whom. Who publishes this newspaper? What is its purpose? Who is the target audience? These three points must be kept in mind during the analysis of the results.

The sample is contrasted with statistical information from NISRA, the PSNI (or RUC), or the ARK centre, as well as information obtained from a variety of organisation involved either with ethnic minorities or in the monitoring of racial discrimination and racism. These sources, by showing another angle, make a comparison and a contrast possible, although, as ever, their own neutrality might be questioned.

Finally, additional sources have been considered in relationship to each specific item in the sample, to try and find another angle on the particular story. These sources range from reports, field studies about particular areas of South Belfast, academic literature, articles from other media, etc. Once again, the main idea is to put the sample into perspective.

Discussion of Results

There are 34 cuttings in the sample detailed in the Appendix, which correspond to 31 different articles, comments, platforms or photo displays. The Chinese community is particularly well represented, being associated with about half of the items. This, however, is also explained by the fact that the Chinese New Year happened during the period considered, and that Anna Lo is an MLA for South Belfast, but there are still regular items about this community in almost all collected issues. The CWA is a regular feature: platform¹⁵ and interview¹⁶ with Elaine Chan Hu, the current chairman, article about the construction of the new community centre in Ballynafeigh¹⁷, for instance. Chinese Old Age Pensioners are evoked in a photo-display¹⁸ and an article¹⁹.

The general theme of multiculturalism is also frequently evoked, either through events like “Multicultural Day”²⁰ through photographs²¹, or mentions of a meeting²², or festivals²³. One article evokes the decrease in the funding given to multicultural organisations²⁴.

Racism (whereas as attacks²⁵ or graffitis²⁶) and crime linked to ethnic minorities such as illegal immigration²⁷ or human trafficking²⁸ also features in about 8 or 9 items.

¹⁵ Figure 14: 23 February 2008, Page 25. “New head of CWA sets out her vision for future”.

¹⁶ Figure 3: 9 February 2008, Page 11. “Chinese community welcomes 4705, the year of the rat”.

¹⁷ Figure 31: 19 April 2008, Page 7. “Getting dug in to work on community centre”.

¹⁸ Figure 7: 16 February 2008, Page 21. “Markets Development Association rings in the Chinese New Year [...]”.

¹⁹ Figure 17: 8 March 2008, Page 7. “Spanning the globe with world wide web”.

²⁰ Figure 19: 22 March 2008, Front Page. “Holy Rosary primary school. Multicultural day, part of One World Week”.

²¹ Figure 22: 22 March 2008, Page 16. “Holy Rosary Primary School multicultural day [...]”.

²² Figure 25: 29 March 2008, Page 4. “Multi-cultural information evening”.

²³ Figure 29: 12 April 2008, Page 11. “Community relations festival to be organized for south”.

²⁴ Figure 16: 8 March 2008, Page 6. “Short term solution”.

²⁵ Figure 5: 16 February 2008, Page 3. “Man hospitalised after Ormeau assault”.

²⁶ Figure 18: 15 March 2008, Page 4. “Racist graffiti and Nazi swastikas recall ‘a darker era’”.

²⁷ Figure 15: 1st March 2008, Page 10. “Man had false passport”.

Communities other than the Chinese, however, are not represented as often. A Polish man is mentioned in relation to an attack on the Ormeau Road, and there is an article about the ambassador visiting a school with 116 Polish pupils²⁹, but that is only about 3 or 4 items. South Asians only appear in about 3 or 4 items too, mostly photographs, although there is a double page of pictures from a party for the Somasundram, a Sri Lankan family³⁰.

Let us try now to answer the three questions concerning the *South Belfast News*: who? Why? For whom? The Belfast Media Group also publishes the *Andersonstown News*, the *North Belfast News*, and *Lá Nua* (a daily Irish language newspaper), amongst others. All these titles have a well-known association with the Nationalist/Republican community, and there was a Sinn Féin leaflet in one of the issues of the sample. Considering the collected articles, it is clear that the editorial is sympathetic to ethnic minorities and there are several occasions where elected officials such as Bernie Kelly (SDLP) and Alex Maskey (Sinn Féin)³¹ are portrayed as supporters of multiculturalism.

As the SBN is distributed for free, it has to finance itself through advertising, which constitute most of the contents (including a real-estate and motoring leaflet); this means that the actual news part is smaller than other papers, with shorter articles and more photo displays. Considering all this, actual readers can be assumed to be English speakers, and from the most part with a Nationalist / Catholic background. The newspaper will probably be read quickly, with a typical reader only picking a few items which have grabbed his or her attention and interest.

²⁸ Figure 1: 9 February 2008, Front Page. “Women held against will in 12 local brothels – Lo”.

²⁹ Figure 21: 22 March 2008, Page 9. “St Joseph’s pupils put on a warm welcome for the Polish ambassador”.

³⁰ Figure 32: 19 April 2008, Page 20. “City Church party for Somasundram family”.

³¹ *Northern Ireland Yearbook 2008*, pp.219-220.

What do statistics tell us? The total population of Northern Ireland was 1,710,300 in June 2004³², 92,800 of which in Belfast South³³. In the 2001 Census, 4,200 respondents identified themselves as being ethnically Chinese (the CWA estimates the current number at about 8,000), residing mostly in Belfast, and around the areas of the Village and the Ormeau Road. The study *In Other Words* (Holder D. ed, 2003) gives the following number for the main communities: Chinese, ~2500 in Belfast, linked mostly to Hong Kong and the New Territories; Filipino, ~600, mostly female nurses in Belfast; Japanese, ~100; Korean, 100-150; Vietnamese, 100-150; Malaysian, ~140; Bangladeshi, 400-450; Indian, over 1,500, Pakistani, ~400, mostly in Greater Belfast and Craigavon; Portuguese, over 1,000, mostly migrant workers. It indicates that the established communities would be the Chinese, Indian, Bangladeshi and Pakistani ones.

It is very difficult to estimate the number of citizens of the Accession Countries residing in Northern Ireland, as Beatty, Fegan and Marshall (2006) underline in their report: people might only come for a visit, for business, to study, to work on a short-term contract, or they might have moved from another region of the UK (or from the Republic of Ireland). Recent EU migrants come mostly from Poland (the largest new member, with a population of about 45 million), and a typical Polish migrant would be young, male, and would only be staying for a short period of time (see Kropiwiec, K. and King-O'Riain R. C., 2006). An article from BBC-NI (2007) estimated that 30,000 Poles were living in Northern Ireland (although it is probably the number of migrants and not of residents). According to the Polish Association of Northern Ireland, over 1,000 people

³² Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (2005) *Northern Ireland Annual Abstract of Statistics 2005*. Belfast: NISRA.

³³ To be precise: in the Parliamentary Constituency of Belfast South.

were using its services in 2007³⁴. Considering the different sources, an estimate of about 3,000 to 5,000 Poles currently living in Northern Ireland (and mostly in Belfast) is probably more realistic.

In terms of racism and discrimination, the various reports and surveys indicate a general trend: considering the relatively small size of Northern Ireland's minority ethnic population, there is quite a high and increasing ratio of reported racist incidents, mostly happening in South Belfast, in Protestant working class areas. However, as Rolston (2004) underlines, this can be partially explained by the fact that it is in these same areas that most of the ethnic minorities reside. Surveys like the Northern Ireland Life and Times³⁵ seem to indicate an increase in racial prejudice, mostly among Protestants, but as Gilligan and Lloyd (2006) point out, it is an increase in *reported* prejudice, and it is partially explained by an increase in the number of contacts with ethnic minorities (which, as noted above, happen more often in Protestant areas). This does not imply, however, that people from a Catholic or Nationalist background would be less likely to be prejudiced if they lived in the same areas as ethnic minorities. For a newspaper like the *South Belfast News*, appearing as a champion of ethnic minorities and multiculturalism could be a political argument against Unionists.

Finally, in the 2006 NILT survey, the groups that respondents thought most prejudiced against were: Polish, 27%; Irish Traveller, 14%; South Asian, 12%; Other Eastern European, 11%; Black, 8%; Portuguese, 6%; Chinese, 6%; Filipino, 2%. This indicates that the Chinese community, although one of the largest minority in Northern Ireland, seems to be well integrated and established, whereas the Polish community is still in the process of being accepted by the

³⁴ Polish Association Northern Ireland (2006) About us. Belfast: Polski Belfast. Available from: http://www.polskibelfast.pl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=45 [Accessed 20 April 2008]

³⁵ Access Research Knowledge Northern Ireland (2006) Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey 2006. Belfast: ARK. Available from: http://www.ark.ac.uk/nilt/2006/Minority_Ethnic_People/index.html [Accessed 20 April 2008].

rest of the population.

Conclusion

Considering that the Chinese community is relatively large, well established, and with a political voice, it is not surprising to find it well represented in the local media, especially one linked to South Belfast, where most of this minority is living. For this population, the *South Belfast News* has a reasonable balance of cultural articles playing on the exotic aspect, of interviews with prominent members, with a touch of the human aspect (e.g. items about the Chinese pensioners). It also illustrates that this community is not a group of homogeneous, stereotyped individuals by, for instance, publishing one article about Anna Lo's son's protest against the occupation of Tibet and another with a contrary view.

However, because it is well integrated and accepted by the rest of the population, it could be argued that the Chinese community is a non-controversial subject. Considering the Nationalist background of the newspaper, it is tempting to see in the coverage an easy way to score political points at the expense of the Loyalists and Unionists. In other words, is there not in this an attempt to play the ethnic card?

What is surprising is the much smaller coverage that other ethnic minorities or migrants receive, especially the Polish community. Even in the item related to the visit of the ambassador, which indicates that more than a hundred pupils in the school are Polish, this minority remains voiceless. It would be wrong to deduce from this that the newspaper is discriminatory, however. What it underlines is that the representation of community through the media is a construction of reality, and not a faithful depiction of it, if such a thing is indeed possible. This is an example of the distorting effect of the media, magnifying some aspects while ignoring others, and of which every reader should be aware.

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Appendix: Relevant Excerpts from the South Belfast News

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Women held against will in 12 local brothels - Lo

Criminal gangs forcing foreign women into prostitution claims MLA

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Vulnerable women are being held against their will and forced to work as prostitutes in up to a dozen brothels across South Belfast, a local politician has claimed.

South Belfast MLA Anna Lo said eastern European, Chinese and Nigerian women are working in up to 12 brothels being run by paramilitaries and criminal gangs such as the Chinese Snakeheads.

Ms Lo said the women were being lured over to Northern Ireland by the gangs under false pretences and are then forced to work as prostitutes, with many being made to see 20 different clients every day by gangmasters.

Ms Lo also claimed there are four brothels operating on the Donegall Road alone.

"These women are being brought over, not necessarily by kidnapping but under false pretences like they are coming to work in a restaurant," she said.

"They are then being locked up in these houses against their will and threatened and forced to work as prostitutes. They are literally locked up by these gangs and made to work."

"It is believed that paramilitary gangs and their links with overseas gangs such as the so-called Chinese Snakeheads may also be involved in human trafficking here."

The former head of the Chinese Welfare Association said the women are afraid to go to the authorities in case they are prosecuted or deported back to their own country.

"The women are then put in the difficult situation where

SEE PAGE 2



Anna Lo

Figure 1: 9 February 2008, Front Page. "Women held against will in 12 local brothels – Lo".

Criminal gangs forcing women into prostitution

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they are too afraid to go to the police in case they are prosecuted and sent back to their own country, where often the gangs will be waiting on them to send them back.

"So they are literally stuck here having to work against their will."

Ms Lo added that the figures of 12 brothels for South Belfast and 70 across the whole of Northern Ireland may still be a big understatement because it is such a hidden crime.

"The real figures are probably much higher for South Belfast and the rest of Northern Ireland," she said.

The PSNI has set up a team to investigate human slavery and sex trafficking in the north.

Ms Lo said urgent action needs to be taken to protect these women.

"We need legislation to protect them, we need police to be

"The real figures are probably much higher for South Belfast and the rest of the north.."

investigating and we need the general public to be aware of what is going on around them. If anyone suspects this is happening in your area of South Belfast I would tell them to ring the police and report it. It is the only way we can help these women."

A spokeswoman for the PSNI said: "The operation of brothels in Northern Ireland is an emerging issue and the subject of active enquiry in a number of District Command Units. Where we receive information we actively investigate. PSNI will continue to gather intelligence and information about such activities across the province and deal with the issues accordingly."

Figure 2: 9 February 2008, Page 2. "Criminal gangs forcing women into prostitution" (continued).

Chinese community welcomes 4705, the year of the rat

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If you hear someone in South Belfast wishing you a happy New Year in the next few weeks don't worry, you haven't regressed several weeks. Rather, they will be speaking of the Chinese New Year, which begins this week.

The most important event in the Chinese calendar, the festival has grown in importance here in the north in accordance with the growth of the local Chinese community which is extending an invitation to other groups in Northern Ireland to join in this year's celebrations.

Eileen Chan-Hu, chief executive of the Chinese Welfare Association Northern Ireland (CWA), explains the traditions behind the festivities.

"The New Year traditionally begins on the first day of the first lunar month of the year and ends 15 days later. The lunar year is calculated by the time it takes the moon to travel around the Earth, whereas the Western calendar is based on the time it takes the Earth to circle the Sun. It means the current Chinese year is 4705."

This year the festival begins on February 7, and will see a number of events held here, including the launch at St George's Market, art exhibitions, history lectures and a dinner dance, to be held in the Europa Hotel on February 11.

One of the well-known traditions associated with the New Year is the cycle of animals that accompany each year. This year is especially important, as it is the year of the rat, the first animal of the sequence.

"According to legend, the animals argued as to who would head the cycle. So the gods held a race across the river and whoever reached the opposite bank first would win."

"As they raced, the ox was winning, but the rat jumped on its head and won, hence why it is first. It is the most important year, as it begins the cycle all over again."

According to tradition, the year of the rat symbolises a new start or embarking on fresh projects and even getting married.

Eileen says this is especially fitting for the CWA, as it



Chief executive of the Chinese Welfare Association Eileen Chan Wu

embarks on building a new centre on the Ormeau Road.

Although many people here of Chinese origin are now fourth or fifth generation, Eileen says many of the old traditions and superstitions associated with Chinese New Year have survived.

"The Chinese community has been here since the 1960s, so it is the oldest and biggest ethnic community in Northern Ireland. We have been living side by side with all other people for so long we have integrated strongly."

"There is a practice of cleaning the house before the New Year in order to sweep away the old year and bring in good luck. It is very similar to

the traditional spring-cleaning here."

"It means it is a bit strange at times, because if you are a Chinese person living here, you clean up for the New Year, then clean the house again a few weeks later, which is a bit crazy."

In several parts of China, the New Year was based on the mythology surrounding the 'lion dance', which stretches back over a thousand years to ancient China.

"There were a number of villages that experienced bad luck," says Eileen. "So they brought in a lion to ward off the evil spirits. Since then, the tradition has been to dance around dressed as a lion to scare off bad spirits."

"This is also why there is loud music and cymbals, to help deter the spirits from coming back and bring in luck for the year."

The last day of the celebrations sees the Lantern Festival, in which children carry brightly lit lamps and various beacons are lit outside houses to help guide wayward spirits home. Eileen says it is one convention that has yet failed to travel to Northern Ireland.

"It is a very difficult part of



A dancer celebrates the start of the Chinese New Year at St George's Market 11/02/08

the festival to do, so we haven't yet got round to having it as a big celebration here. The lanterns are handmade and can come in exquisitely forms, and some makers spent months working on them."

"So it would be very difficult to get them imported. But we would like to do so eventually, and in the meantime, I would encourage all Chinese people and shops to display some form of lantern."

According to the 2001 census, there were 4,200 people of Chinese origin in Northern Ireland. However, since then, there are estimates that that number has more than doubled. As such, Eileen believes Chinese New Year is something that can involve all groups here.

"The Chinese community has been here since the 1960s, so it is the oldest and biggest ethnic community in Northern Ireland.

"We have been living side

by side with all other people for so long we have integrated strongly."

"So I think we are a sharing people, and certainly Chinese New Year is a celebration that all people, no matter what your background, can take part in."

"At our event in St George's Market, we had dancers from India, Mexico and Spain. So although it began as a Chinese event, it now really is a huge multicultural affair."

Dé Sathairn 16 Feabhra 2008
Saturday 16th February 2008
Ar / At 11 – 12.30
Aonach bia dhomhanda agus imeachtaí
Íchulurtha i gCultúrlann McAdam Ó Flaitch
International food fayre and multi-cultural activities for all in the Cultúrlann
Ar / At 1 pm
Paráid Chéiliúrtha ar son na Gaeilge agus na héagsúlachta
Celebratory parade to support the

Figure 3: 9 February 2008, Page 11. "Chinese community welcomes 4705, the year of the rat".

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The MP for South Belfast is to hold an urgent meeting with the top police officer in the district today (Wednesday) after a weekend marred by violence and antisocial behaviour.

Alasdair McDonnell is to meet with the South Belfast District Commander Michele Larmour this afternoon to discuss how the serious crime situation in his constituency can be resolved.

The worst of the incidents that occurred over the weekend left an 18-year-old youth critically injured after jumping from a footbridge to escape an altercation with local youths (see page 2).

In another incident a Polish man, who has been living locally, is facing weeks in hospital after a serious assault on the Ormeau Road (see page 3).

Other incidents included the torching of a tourist bus on the Lisburn Road, antisocial behaviour in the Markets area and two separate robberies in Castlereagh.

Following this litany of violence the SDLP MP said he would challenge the District Commander on crime rates in South Belfast, which are among the highest in the north. As the crime figures for the city centre are grouped in with South Belfast's, this is often cited by police as the reason for the high crime statistics.

However, Dr McDonnell pointed out that all the incidents that occurred over the weekend were 'in South Belfast

MP calls urgent meeting with area's top cop after assaults, arson and thefts

proper'.

"One of the issues I will be discussing in the meeting is the fact that although the high crime rates are often blamed on skewed figures because of the city centre, all of these incidents happened in the heart of South Belfast.

"This can't be blamed on the fact that we are included with the city centre, this is because the crime rate in South Belfast is high by itself and this is an issue that needs tackled on its own."

Dr McDonnell told how on Monday mornings his office was inundated with calls from constituents complaining about antisocial and violent behaviour over the weekend.

"Every Monday local people are ringing and calling into the office with stories about what has happened at the weekend. Taxis are being stoned and are afraid to go into certain areas, antisocial behaviour is a regular occurrence and young people are drinking alcohol and engaging in all sorts of violent acts.

"We urgently need to be taking a proactive approach. Parents in this area are allowing their children to run out of control and look at what the con-

SEE PAGE 2

Figure 4: 16 February 2008, Front Page. "MP calls urgent meeting with area's top cop [...]".

= Man hospitalised after Ormeau assault

A Polish man who was assaulted in South Belfast at the weekend is expected to spend several weeks in hospital due to the severity of the assault.

The man was attacked outside a bar on the lower Ormeau Road at about 10:15pm on Friday night and is still being treated in hospital for his injuries. However these are not thought to be life threatening.

Gerard Rice, a community worker in the area, appealed

for an end to antisocial behaviour after a violent weekend in South Belfast.

"Many of these antisocial behaviour incidents are fuelled by too much alcohol and I am appealing for our young people to watch how much they drink," he said.

"Very often alcohol can escalate a row into something more serious and people have to be aware of the consequences of their actions. Something might not start out that

bad but can turn very serious and our young people need to be aware of this."

A police spokesman said there was nothing about the attack that pointed towards a racial motive. Two men have been arrested in connection with the incident.

- Police have urged anyone with information to contact them on 0845 600 8000. Alternatively, in confidence Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Figure 5: 16 February 2008, Page 3. "Man hospitalised after Ormeau assault".

Chinese and Irish cultures both serve up a treat

Chinese New Year and Féile an Earraigh show what culture can bring to Belfast



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of gifts.

The years on the Chinese calendar are grouped into sets of 12 with each year represented by an animal. These animals represent Zodiac signs. Some think their characteristics are like those of the animal of the year they were born. This year is the year of the rat; those born under the rat sign are said to be charming, honest and generous but must guard against being too aggressive.

NOW Project Ability Awards

I had the honour of presenting prizes at the NOW Project ability awards last week. The NOW Project aims to help people with learning



Lion Dancers at the start of the Chinese New Year celebrations at St George's Market last Sunday

disabilities to avail of training and employment opportunities. Based in West Belfast, NOW works closely with the Orchardville Society in South Belfast and has developed training and expertise in the catering business. The new 'Loaf' coffee shop and Corporate Catering business builds on the great work of the NOW Catering Training programme which provides 20 training places per week and employs four staff.

Northern Ireland's food, drink, hospitality and retail exhibition takes place in April in the King's Hall. They have

introduced a new Ability Awards Competition at the exhibition for people with disabilities. The aim of this award is to showcase the ability, not the disability and standards are very high. NOW put forward six candidates for this award. Each candidate is required to produce either a starter and main course or a main course and sweet and present them to the Judging panel. NOW held a cook-off to determine who would represent them at the competition in the King's Hall.

The six candidates worked

hard for hours under the observation of external judges, one of whom is the head chef at Deanes. I had the pleasure of sampling the finished products and the standard was unbelievably high; the dishes they created would grace any fancy restaurant in the city. Each candidate won a prize and the overall winner now goes forward to represent NOW at the exhibition in the King's Hall.

Féile an Earraigh

I attended a concert by Micheal O'Sullivan

O'Leonard with Iris Monastery on Friday night as part of Féile an Phobail an spring festival, Féile an Earraigh. Micheal O'Sullivan is one of Ireland's best known musicians straddling the boundaries of traditional, classical and contemporary music. The Irish Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Eamon Ó Cuiv, attended the concert.

The week began with a great display of Chinese culture and ended with an impressive display of Irish culture.

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Figure 6: 16 February 2008, Page 4. "Chinese and Irish cultures both serve up a treat".



Ms Cheung, Ms Cheung, Kong Ying Fong and Ms Tsang at Magennis' Bar 080130jk09



Peggy Norwood, Patsy Meehan, Ms Tang and Ms Sheung 080130jk09



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Figure 7: 16 February 2008, Page 21. "Markets Development Association rings in the Chinese New Year [...]".

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Figure 8: 16 February 2008, Page 23. "Scumbags out beating a Polish guy [...]".

Residents demand apology from MLA

BY SCOTT JAMISON
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SOUTH Belfast residents have demanded an apology from an SDLP MLA for what they claim is 'a slur' on their area.

During a debate on migrant workers in the Assembly, Upper Bann MLA Dolores Kelly referred to a "Nigerian couple burned out of their home in Donegal Pass".

But Elaine Mansfield of the Donegall Pass Community Forum said the incident never happened.

"We had a couple of residents draw our attention to it and to be honest, we were shocked.

"Simply put, an incident like that never took place."

Elaine said the Upper Bann MLA might have been given bad information.

"No Nigerian families live in Donegall Pass, so perhaps her researcher has got it completely wrong.

"But instead of taking the opportunity when she is on the floor to admit her mistake, she has remained silent on the issue."

According to Elaine, several people have contacted Ms Kelly over the incident.

"I personally emailed her the following day, as did the South Belfast Roundtable on Racism. Neither received a reply, so I followed it up with a letter and again got no response, or even an acknowledgement that she received our correspondence."

Elaine said the area is unfairly branded with problems that don't exist.

"I am fed up with Donegall Pass being held up as racist. We have a large immigrant population and several businesses that have integrated successfully into the community.

"We are probably one of the most culturally diverse areas in inner Belfast, but nobody gives us any credit for the fact we all live together and there are very little problems."

When contacted by the SBN, Ms Kelly said: "I am

checking the accuracy of the information I received with the police, but irrespective of the details or nationality in any particular case, there is no question that we have serious problems of racism in South Belfast and we must deal with them."

The statement falls short of the apology Elaine hoped for.

"She shouldn't be making unfounded comments, as it is automatically branding us as something we are not. A hate crime like this is the worst thing imaginable, so a full and public apology is the only thing we would settle for."



Figure 9: 23 February 2008, Page 2. "Residents demand apology from MLA".

Introduction of border police to halt human trafficking - Spratt

BY SCOTT JAMISON

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THE introduction of border police should be considered to deal with the problem of human trafficking, according to a local MLA.

Jimmy Spratt made the comments after fellow MLA Anna Lo told the South Belfast News of her belief that vulnerable women are being held against their will and being forced to work as prostitutes in a number of South Belfast locations.

"The police service seem to have units for everything else under the sun at the moment, so I don't see why this wouldn't work.

"I think there is a need for joined-up thinking from both sides of the border, as I have no doubt some of the folks coming through are doing so via the South.

"It is, and will remain, an ongoing issue, and as such we need to deal with it on a European and international scale. We need to show a robust response."

Mr Spratt also advocated a zero tolerance policy for anyone caught profiting from the trade.

"There absolutely has to be a practice of a complete crackdown on this problem. If people are brought in front of courts for this, they need to be adequately dealt with."

The DUP man said he believed the problem was on the rise in the local area.

"It has been identified, particularly in the South Belfast area, that people are being brought in and used for prostitution, and I would suggest the numbers are on the increase."

He added that authorities should make the public more aware of the growing problem of exploitation of migrants.

A spokeswoman for the PSNI said: "We are an active participant in Pentameter 2,

the co-ordinated multi-agency campaign established to tackle trafficking of human beings for sexual exploitation and forced labour.

"A special team has been set up in Belfast to spearhead this operation, with a number of successes already.

"We would also encourage victims of trafficking to come forward and seek help. Pentameter 2 is a victim-focused operation, as such, victims will be treated with sensitivity and given a range of support."

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Figure 10: 23 February 2008, Page 7. "Introduction of border police to halt human trafficking – Spratt".

in his late fifties and a woman in her early sixties were the alleged injured parties, and that the incident had taken place shortly after 2am on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

He explained that the defendant and the alleged victims were neighbours and that there was a genuine fear that there might be interference with witnesses if McAuley was released.

The solicitor for the accused said that his client was in full time employment and was willing to abide by any conditions which the Court might wish to set out should it grant bail to McAuley.

Magistrate Peter Murphy said he accepted the evidence of the police officer and refused bail on the grounds that there was a fear the accused might interfere with the witnesses in the case.

McAuley was remanded in custody to reappear in four weeks time.

Theft conviction leads to suspended sentence

A 25-year-old who was identified on a shop CCTV as being responsible for the theft of goods to the value of £126.85, was made the subject of a suspended term of custody at last Tuesday's Court.

The prosecutor told the Court that Hugh Thompson of Constance Street in Belfast had been identified following examination of CCTV images.

The accused had stolen "body spray" from the Alliance Pharmacy on the Newtownards Road on January 25. Thompson was aid to have made a full admission to the theft following his arrest and interview about the incident.

Magistrate Mr Conner imposed a term of five months imprisonment, suspended for two years for the offence, and ordered the accused to pay £126.85 in restitution.

Knife incident at Chinese take-away

A 19-year-old produced a knife at a Chinese take away last month and pointed it at a member of staff shortly after being ejected from a nearby bar for being heavily intoxicated, last Tuesday's Court heard.

The incident, on January 20, took place at the Clifton Chinese take-away on the Cliftonville Road.

The prosecutor said the accused, Daniel Johnston, (19) whose address was given as care of Hydebank Young Offenders' Centre, produced the knife after ordering food and

then being asked for payment for the take-away.

The husband of the female member of staff summoned the police and the doorman from a nearby bar recognised the accused as he left the take-away brandishing the knife.

He was arrested a short time later and subsequently charged with possession of an offensive weapon, namely a knife, and with assaulting a female.

The solicitor for the accused said his client was under no illusions as to the likely outcome of the proceedings. Conceding that Johnston who had not reached the age of 20 had amassed a sizeable record for his age.

Referring to the "unsavoury incident" last month, he said his client was so intoxicated at the time that he wasn't fit to be interviewed by police.

He asked the Court to allow Johnston credit for his plea of guilty at an early stage.

Magistrate Mr Conner imposed a term of four months custody on each of the two offences to run concurrently.

Alleged drug dealer in suspended sentence

A 27-year-old who was caught with a quantity of cannabis in his home had the material to share with his friends, his solicitor claimed at last Tuesday's Court.

Christopher Lee Dinsmore of Severn Street in the city had been prosecuted for possession of cannabis with intent to supply, as well as possession following a police raid on his home on July 10 of last year which led to the discovery of 171 grams of the material.

Magistrate Mr Conner imposed a term of four months imprisonment, which he suspended for two years.

A fine of £250 was also handed down for possession of the drug.

Drug accused for Crown Court

A 29-year-old was committed for trial at the Crown Court last Tuesday after he was formally charged with drugs offences.

Stephen Daniel Thompson of Rossdale in Ballymena was charged with being in possession of cocaine in the Belfast area on a date between June 24 and June 27 of last year.

Thompson also faces a charge of possession of cocaine with intent to supply, as well as possession of amphetamines and amphetamines with intent to supply.

Thompson also stands accused of

obstructing police in the course of their duty and driving while disqualified on the same dates.

Magistrate Mr Conner said he was satisfied there was a case to answer on the evidence presented to the Court, and told the accused he would be tried at the Crown Court on a date to be fixed. Thompson was remanded in custody pending trial.

Man in shared house was naked

The resident of a shared house who was accused of walking around the premises while stark naked, appeared in Court last Monday after he became involved in a struggle with police who were summoned to the premises on November 21 of last year.

The Court heard that shortly before midnight on the evening in question, police attended an address at Thorndale Avenue where there had been an argument between.

Officers went upstairs to speak to the accused, Pawel Stemerowicz (23) of Thorndale Avenue in the city.

They observed a window in the bedroom was smashed and as they entered the room, the defendant, who was described being covered in blood, held up his hand to show a deep wound.

A struggle then ensued as Stemerowicz tried to shut the door on police, resulting in two charges of resisting police officers in the course of their duty.

The prosecutor said that the accused continued to struggle with police and that he had to be manhandled down the stairs and into a police vehicle.

The solicitor for the accused said the facts as outlined by the prosecution were not disputed.

He conceded that the defendant had indeed been walking around the shared house with no clothes on.

Described as coming from a former Stalinist state, the sight of police officers in a house instilled fear in his client with the result that he panicked and put up a struggle.

Stemerowicz was unaware the police had been summoned prior to them arriving at his bedroom door.

His client was not fully aware of the cultural differences which existed between his home country and Northern Ireland.

The defendant, he added, wished to convey his apologies to the Court and the police officers involved in the case.

The Court was told that Stemerowicz had been held in custody since the incident in November of last year.

Magistrate Peter Murphy sentenced the accused to a period of 20 days equivalent to the time served by the defendant.

Figure 11: 23 February, Page 10. "Knife incident at Chinese take-away / Man in shared house was naked".



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Figure 12: 23 February 2008, Page 20. "Chinese New Year celebrations at St George's Market, Belfast".

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Figure 13: 23 February 2008, Page 23. "Chinese dancing at Saint Malachy's Primary School".

New head of CWA sets out her vision for future



Community Platform

I succeeded the position of Chinese Welfare Association's Chief Executive on 15 October after the departure of Anna LO, MBE who has risen to the political challenge as the first minority ethnic member of the new Assembly in Northern Ireland.

I have been linked to the Chinese Welfare Association as a second generation Chinese born in Northern Ireland. I was one of the first pupils of the Chinese Language School and a member of the Chinese Youth Club run by the Chinese Welfare Association in the 1980s.

Such services were set up by the Chinese Welfare Association. The groups was established by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 1986 to assist the local Chinese community in bridging the gap in the areas of health, education, law and welfare so that all sections can fully participate in developing the Chinese community and the wider society.

Under the great support of the Chinese Welfare Association and its first co-ordinator, Eleanor McKnight, who had a vision to develop a generation of future leaders in the Chinese youth, I became an active young member in volunteering for Chinese community activities in those days, organising Chinese cultural fashion shows to promote better relations in areas of conflict in Belfast.

After graduating, I worked in CWA, starting out in 1994 as an education liaison officer in charge of running English classes for adults, liaising be-



Chinese culture in Northern Ireland

tween Chinese parents and school and colleges and setting up an after-schools club to help children with homework and develop better English skills through fun and play.

I moved to the role of community development worker in 1999 to further my experience in community development and community relations to provide empowerment to members of the Chinese community and to support the growing community living in Northern Ireland. After a history of living here since the early 1960s and although very much part of Northern Ireland's diverse communities, the community was exposed to racism and sectarianism.

In 2001, I became the com-

munity development co-ordinator at CWA working at regional projects in Antrim, Derry and Cookstown before moving on to work for Ballymena Community Forum.

The plans for the future of CWA will be to build the first centre Chinese Community and Resource Centre, a venue for cultural expression for all, a building that welcomes other communities for mutual understanding, be a main central drop-in place to support the needs of the Chinese community and support the wider community in encouraging better understanding.

I look forward to assisting in the realisation of this vision supported by Chinese Chamber of Commerce which had been initiated by CWA management 13 years ago in 1994.

Figure 14: 23 February 2008, Page 25. "New head of CWA sets out her vision for future".

Man had false passport

A 28-YEAR-OLD man from Bangladesh was jailed for three months at last Tuesday's Court after he was convicted of having a false passport in his possession.

The accused, Mohammed Taker Uddin whose address was given as Bishop Street, Loughborough, Leicester, was spoken to by immigration officials at the HSS terminal in Belfast on January 6.

They discovered that Uddin was attempting to board the boat using a false passport which was in the name of a 72-year-old man.

The solicitor for the accused said his client was a native of Bangladesh and that he had "overstayed" his work permit which had expired in 2006.

He explained that the defendant had already served the equivalent of a three month term of imprisonment after he was detained from the date he had come to the attention of the immigration officials.

Imposing the equivalent sentence of three months custody, Magistrate Fiona Bagnall established from the solicitor for the defence that the accused would be placed in the custody of the immigration service upon his release.

Figure 15: 1st March 2008, Page 10. "Man had false passport".

Short term solution

BY DONNA McCARRY

VOLUNTARY groups working with ethnic minorities have hit out against the short term funding provided by the Executive last week.

The Office of the First and Deputy First Minister announced funding would be available under the minority ethnic communities scheme but would only last one year.

Building on the current Minority Ethnic Voluntary Organisation funding that is due to expire on March 31, voluntary groups have said the scheme does not meet the financial expectations needed for them to continue.

Across South Belfast a number of groups operate to support the area's wide multicultural population and are reliant on support from the Government to keep afloat.

Margaret Donaghy of Multi Cultural Resource Centre based at Lower Crescent appreciates the funding but thinks there will be stiff competition in accessing it.

"It's crucial to realise the funding is only for one year and it's a short-term solution. There is grave competition in getting funding because the sector is growing."

The Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities (NICEM) based in Shaftesbury Square provide support services for victims of racial harass-

ment and rely heavily on Government supported funding.

"We welcome the continued funding for ethnic minority groups but we are disappointed the level has not increased much from the last batch. At the moment ethnic minority support groups are receiving less funding than other local community groups," said Patrick Yu, Executive Director of NICEM.

Within the budget, voluntary ethnic minority groups can apply for funding up to £50,000 for development funding and £15,000 for project funding. However, these figures need to be increased to keep the support groups running.

"Over the past couple of years there has been an increase of migrants coming to live in Belfast which means we need additional resources. There needs to be an increase in funding to cope with the needs of these people," explained Patrick.

First Minister Ian Paisley announced the funding would be an important part of a long-term solution supporting integration in communities.

"This funding scheme will provide vital support for voluntary and community groups and their work on improving relations between different ethnic groups and the majority community," he said.

The closing date for applications is 2pm on March 10.

Figure 16: 8 March 2008, Page 6. "Short term solution".

Spanning the globe with world wide web

Chinese OAPs bring homeland a little closer through web

BY GEMMA BURNS

CHINESE pensioners living in a South Belfast sheltered housing can now keep in touch with relatives and friends in the Far East after they received special computer training last week.

The elderly residents of Hong Ling Gardens, a sheltered accommodation in the Markets area, began classes in how to surf the internet, send emails and use webcams last week.

For many of the residents English is not their first language and they have had little experience in using new technology. Classes are taken by a Hakka (Chinese dialect) speaker who will explain how to use the special Cantonese writing tablets, software and Yahoo Hong Kong.

Esdmilar Wu, scheme co-ordinator at Hong Ling Gardens said the pensioners will be making

good use of their computer skills. "Our residents are looking forward to reading Chinese newspapers online as well as being able to listen to radio broadcasts in their own language," she said.

"One man plans to use the webcam to see and talk to his grandson in Hong Kong while another hopes to be able to use the technology to communicate with his wife who is still living in China."

Hong Ling Gardens was specially designed to provide communal living for Chinese elderly people and was opened by BH Housing Association in 2004. Before then, many older Chinese people had had to travel to England or Scotland to find this sort of housing. Some even returned to live in Hong Kong.

Jean Fulton, Chief Executive of BH said: "Living in BH sheltered housing is all about promoting independence, preventing social isolation and improving the health and wellbeing of ten-

"Learning to use computers in this way will open up new opportunities and interests for our residents - as well as helping to keep their minds active and alert."



Hong Ling Gardens resident (right) Jim Cheung (82) and Henry Lo of the Chinese Welfare Association log on to the web

Figure 17: 8 March 2008, Page 7. "Spanning the globe with world wide web".

Racist graffiti and Nazi swastikas recall 'a darker era'

BY SCOTT JAMISON
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THERE has been widespread condemnation of the racist

graffiti daubed in the Village over the weekend.

Sometime on Friday night, a number of racist slogans and Nazi swastikas were

painted on the bridge on the Donegall Road. The graffiti was removed early on Monday morning.

Local councillor Bob Stoker said those who committed the act were 'complete imbeciles'.

"Considering the amount of young men from this area and elsewhere who gave their lives and fought in a war to

stop this sort of thing, for somebody to paint swastikas in this day and age is disgusting. My message to them is to go and get a life."

Mr Stoker added there was a danger all residents of the Village could be tarred with the same brush when it comes to racism.

"This community works

very well in dealing with any difficulties that do arise with ethnic populations that live here. Then some idiot comes along and paints this, and unfortunately the whole community gets the blame. Everyone I have talked to here is absolutely disgusted with it."

South Belfast MLA Anna Lo agreed with Cllr Stoker's comments.

"The residents in the Village have done quite a lot of work with ethnic minorities and organisations to address the issue of racism. So it was disappointing to see this sort of thing resurface."

"I utterly condemn it and call on grassroots organisations to stamp out such racist

attitudes."

The graffiti comes at a time of positive news for the Village, with news of a massive £100 million windfall for regenerating the area announced only two weeks ago.

Ms Lo said this was a 'backwards step' for the area.

"We want to have an open, outward-looking Village. Someone doing this really darker era. If we want to be a forward-thinking, inclusive society, we need migrant workers, and people here to wake up to that."

"If we want inward investment, we need to be seen as welcoming of people coming to live and work here. So this is a bad message to send outside of Northern Ireland."

Figure 18: 15 March 2008, Page 4. "Racist graffiti and Nazi swastikas recall 'a darker era'".

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Figure 19: 22 March 2008, Front Page. "Holy Rosary primary school. Multicultural day, part of One World Week".



Figure 20: 22 March 2008, Page 2. "The Shamrock and The Storm".



Aleksander Dietkow (Polish Consul General), Mr Brian Gibson (Member of the Board of Governors), Barbara Krystyna Tuge-Erecinska (Polish Ambassador), Mrs Michele Marken (Principal of St Joseph's College)

St Joseph's pupils put on a warm welcome for the Polish ambassador

THE AMBASSADOR for Poland was in South Belfast last week to pay a visit to a local school and commend their contribution to promoting other cultures.

Barbara Krystyna Tuge-Erecinska paid a visit to St Joseph's College to meet pupils and take a tour of the Ravenhill Road school. St Joseph's has 116 Polish pupils studying at the school and the schoolchildren performed their national anthem and a play based on a Polish folk tale for the ambassador.

The Ambassador was also joined by the country's Consul General for Scotland and Northern Ireland, Aleksander Dietkow.

St Joseph's held a multicultural day last November where pupils performed the play *The Forbidden Room* and they performed it again for the ambassador.

Clare Rice a teacher at the school said the ambassador was delighted with her reception at the school.

"The ambassador got to meet the pupils and she seemed genuinely touched with the effort they put in," she said.

"We had a Polish flag on display and greeted her with the Polish national anthem as well as performing the play for her. The school puts a lot of effort into promoting respect for other cultures and it was great that we had the Ambassador along to recognise it."

The teacher said all the pupils at the school enjoyed meeting the ambassador.

"The children loved meeting the ambassador, the Polish children were over the moon to meet her, it felt like a little piece of home was there for them. And it was great for the other children too, so they could see their efforts at embracing other cultures rewarded."

Figure 21: 22 March 2008, Page 9. "St Joseph's pupils put on a warm welcome for the Polish ambassador".

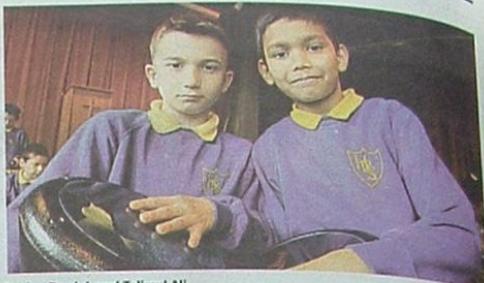


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Figure 22: 22 March 2008, Page 16. "Holy Rosary Primary School multicultural day [...]".

Gemma Burns talks this week to Joseph Nawaz, a former hack and a self-effacing marketing and press officer with the Old Museum Arts Centre who confessed that he once had much greater ambitions as a child before plumping for the world of the scribe



A man who wanted to be Doctor Who or just a doctor who settled on journalism

Joseph Nawaz
Marketing and Press Officer
Old Museum Arts Centre

I was born in, Dundonald
I grew up in... South Belfast – the mean
streets of Malone.

I was educated at Methodist College and too
many universities to mention.

My earliest memory is... falling off a swing
and cracking my head open – I lost my memo-
ry not long after.

When I was a child I wanted to be... Doctor
Who – or at least a doctor.
I actually became... a journalist.

The bravest thing I've ever done... Standing up
to racists.

The stupidest thing I've ever done... Believed
that Bryan Ferry's father actually invented
Cross-Channel travel.

The biggest thing I've yet to do... Is so enor-
mous, I can scarcely comprehend the scale of
the thing.

The person/people who inspired me most
is/are... my father, Toussaint L'Overture, Paul
Robeson and David Bowie – for varying rea-
sons of course.

The most important thing in the world is... loy-
alty, solidarity and a good pair of shoes – the
three are practically indivisible

I'm very bad at... keeping a secret.

I'm very good at... shooting fish in a barrel.

I'm most proud of... the fact I haven't entirely
crumpled yet.

My best friend would say I was... a heady com-
bination of being simultaneously too sensitive
and too insensitive.

I like to relax by... drinking alcohol and talking
a lot.

My favourite saying/quote is... The best lack
all conviction, while the worst are full of pas-
sionate intensity.

The last book I read was... A very bad book
about the Berlin Wall. 600 pages later I found
out that it was a bad thing.

If I could change one thing
about South Belfast it would
be the rows of shops without
names. Boutiques I believe
they're called. That means
they sell three non-specific
items of clothing, at a couple
of grand a piece, to women
whose tan matches their old-gold
jewellery.
It makes me sad. That and a lack of bars.

My favourite book is... Catch 22

If I could star in one film it would be... Miller's
Crossing.

The song that makes me dance is... Editions of
You

The best place I've ever been... Berlin in Janu-
ary and in love.

The place I have to visit before I die... travel
Pakistan.

The last person I talked to on the phone was...
My girlfriend.

The last text message I received was from...
My friend James.

My favourite thing about South Belfast is...
trees in streets.

If I could change one thing about South
Belfast it would be... the rows of shops with-
out names. Boutiques I believe they're called.
That means they sell three non-specific items
of clothing, at a couple of grand a piece, to
women whose tan matches their old-gold jew-
ellery. It makes me sad. That and a lack of bars.

If I was a politician I would... regroup, redi-
ctribute and revolutionise.

If I won the lottery I would... maybe go part-
time.

If I could describe myself in five words they
would be... Largely well-meaning, occasionally
foolish.

If I could invite five people (living or dead) to a
dinner party they would be... the Marx's –
Karl, Groucho, Chico, Harpo and Zeppo.

Figure 23: 22 March 2008, Page 19. "A man who wanted to be Doctor Who [...] Joseph Nawaz [...]".



Twins Abdullah and Noor Majeed celebrate St Ita's Primary School's second birthday with some chocolate buns. The school held a special celebration to mark its second anniversary. See next week's South Belfast News for more photographs

Figure 24: 29 March 2008, Front Page. "Twins Abdullah and Noor Majeed celebrate [...]".

Multi-cultural information evening

AN INFORMATION evening for migrant workers will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at St George's Market from 5.30pm-9pm. Information stands will be available all evening, as well as interpreters for themed talks. Lithuanian takes place from 6-7pm, Polish from 7-8pm and Slovakian from 8-9pm.

Refreshments will also be served. The event is being organised by South Belfast Roundtable on Racism, in conjunction with Belfast City Council and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. For more information, contact Belfast City Council's Good Relations Unit on 90 270 663.

Figure 25: 29 March 2008, Page 4. "Multi-cultural information evening".

MLA 'PROUD' OF TIBET PROTEST SON



South Belfast Alliance MLA Anna Lo with her son Conall who was arrested in London at the weekend after taking part in a pro Tibet demonstration

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A local MLA has said she is 'very proud' of her son, who was arrested for taking part in a demonstration in London at the weekend, despite his encounter with police and family disapproval over his political activism.

Anna Lo's son Conall Hon (26) was arrested after abseiling down Westminster Bridge and unfurling a Free Tibet banner on Saturday as part of a pro-Tibet rally in protest at China's human rights record.

Ms Lo said she was "concerned as a mother" at Conall's actions but was also extremely proud of him and would "defend him without hesitation".

The South Belfast Alliance MLA added that some family members were not so supportive of his actions but she totally defended his stance on the issue.

"As a mother, of course I was a bit concerned when I first heard, but I am very proud of him," she said. "He is a high-principled young man with a strong social conscience."

"Some of my family won't

speak to me because of it, which really hurts me. Some of them were saying things about him, labelling him an extremist, which he is not."

"He is peace-loving and any protests he is involved in are done in a peaceful manner. I would defend him without hesitation."

Ms Lo added it was important for people to speak out against China's actions but that she also recognised the economic progress being made in the country.

"I think with him being half-Chinese, it is important for him to speak out against the Chinese government. We are a democratic society and people are free to speak their minds. If they are not happy about something, thank God we can speak out."

"But we have to give them credit in a way," she added, "because they have done a lot in promoting the standard of living of 1.4 billion people, which is no mean feat."

"However becoming a superpower is not just about economic might, it is a matter of adhering to international standards of human rights, which

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YOUNG, GIFTED AND ON TRACK: The Belfast Media Group honoured 40 of the city's brightest and best under 40s at a gala lunch held in the grand surroundings of the Belfast Harbour Commissioner's Office last week. Six of the winners were also presented with Special Achievement awards at the event which was addressed by (left) Top 40 nominee Cllr. Gareth Robinson (DUP) and (right) Senator Pearse Doherty of Sinn Féin. Pictured with their Special Achievement awards are (from left) architect Claude Maguire, boxer Paddy Barnes, author and motivational speaker Mark Pollock, community worker Louise Little, writer Pearse Elliott and Queen's lecturer and inventor Maire O'Neill

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PHOTOGRAPHY: JOHN KELLY

School back to normal after e-coli scare

BY GEMMA BURNS
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A South Belfast primary school is returning to normal following a mass screening of pupils and staff after a child contracted the e-coli infection.

The Rosetta Nursery Unit pupil and two members of their

family were diagnosed with the infection last week while a further family member was found to have contracted the e-coli 0157 strain this week.

More than half of the staff and pupils have returned to the nursery unit after their screening tests came back negative and the rest are expected to re-

turn today (Wednesday) when their screening results come through.

The Knockbreda Road school was also environmentally cleaned on Monday to minimise the risk of any infection spreading.

The Eastern Health Board said the risk to the nursery

unit and the wider community

remains low and that of the four people who contracted the infection only one, an adult, needed hospital treatment and is now recovering well at home.

The infection can be contracted from a variety of sources, the most common of which include undercooked or

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Figure 26: 12 April 2008, Front Page. « MLA 'proud' of Tibet protest son ».

South Belfast Alliance MLA 'proud' of son arrested in pro-Tibet protest

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China has clearly not done."

Ms Lo added it was important western governments took the opportunity to 'put pressure' on the Chinese government to reform.

"We in the west who enjoy democracy need to speak out, because those 1.4 billion people don't have the freedoms we

do."

Although Ms Lo has never been part of the Free Tibet movement herself, her son has been involved since leaving university, and she has participated in marches, including one at the start of March to mark the 49th anniversary of the Dalai Lama leaving Tibet. Her younger son Owen (21) is also a member of the group.

Figure 27: 12 April 2008, Page 2. "South Belfast Alliance MLA 'proud' of son arrested in pro-Tibet protest" (cont.)

International bright young thing claims top student award for her account of Belfast Life

Methody pupil highly recommended in previous years finally awarded top prize

BY DONNA MCCARRY

A METHODIST College pupil has beaten stiff competition from students all over Northern Ireland to be named International Student of the Year.

Nga Kit Chan, known as Emily to friends, was chosen from over 1,500 pupils who entered the competition to share their experiences of life in their adopted countries.

Originally from Hong Kong, Emily moved to Belfast at the age of nine with her brother Michael and was a former pupil of Fullerton House.

The 17 year old said she was delighted to win the award after previously being 'highly recommended' and last year being named as the regional runner up. "I didn't really expect anything but when they rang me I was like 'oh yay,'" said an excited Emily.

The competition asks international students to write a letter to share their experiences of day to day life here.

"I wrote about how this time last year I was sitting work-shadowing and now I'm making all my decisions for university. I went on to say about how when I first came here when I was nine I was made to wear a fluorescent orange jacket for the people picking me up from the



Emily Chan outside her school, Methody

airport," laughed Emily who is currently studying A-Level maths, computing and economics.

The star pupil lists Anna Lo and Einstein as some of her inspirations in her Belfast Life.

With a membership to a list of school groups and charities that would put most of us to shame, it's easy to tell Emily enjoys interacting with her friends inside and outside of school.

The senior prefect is a member of the

girl's choir and drama society and dabbling in the business side of things and was appointed Managing Director of the school's Young Enterprise company last year.

Outside school she's a member of Save the Children, the Youth Forum and the Young People's International Development Committee. If that isn't impressive enough she was also invited to have dinner with the President of Burundi at Stormont last week.

Described as being organised enough to sort out the Heathrow's Terminal 5 disaster, the School Chaplain David Melanes said they are very proud of the six former.

"Emily is just a fantastic student and is prepared to get involved with any aspect of school life and community life and to offer her skills and talents to the use of the community."

Hoping to impress the judges in London to win the title of UK Student of the Year, Emily has everything crossed that she'll do well.

Colm McGivern, Director of the British Council in Northern Ireland, said: "International students make a huge contribution and commitment to life in Northern Ireland and Emily is a perfect example of how they can connect so meaningfully with Northern Ireland society." The prize winning letter encourages other international students to enjoy life in Northern Ireland and "even if you don't achieve the highest of marks, the experience itself is incredible - the friendship and independence you gain here stays with you for the rest of your life."

Figure 28: 12 April 2008, Page 3. "International bright young thing claims top student award [...]"

Community relations festival to be organised for south

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THE SOUTH Belfast Roundtable on Racism (SBRRO) is currently developing plans for a South Belfast-wide community relations festival in June.

The Festival of Inclusion and Diversity will take the form of a number of events hosted by local organisations and businesses. Individual organisa-

tions are being asked to submit their ideas for the festival.

Denise Wright from the SBRRO said she hoped it would conclude with a joint celebration on diversity.

"The events will be linked by the themes of inclusion, diversity, respect and understanding."

"We want to include work promoting greater awareness of issues relating to racism, homophobia, sectarian-

ism and disability."

"Individual organisations will submit their own events programme, which should reflect the needs of their users and customers."

Bids will then be submitted to Belfast City Council for approval and possible funding.

Denise said activities might include organising cultural diversity training, arts projects, story-telling sessions,

football tournaments, gardening projects or drama and music productions.

The organisers stress nothing is too small to be included.

"If you would like help to deliver any training, please let them know and they will try to provide whatever is needed."

"However, we recognise that many groups can access their own funding and will already have initiatives that

they can include and showcase as part of the festival," said Denise.

Anyone with questions or who requires more information can contact Denise on 02 244 070 or at denise.wright@sbrro.org.uk, or Henri Mohammed at the Donegall Pass Community Forum on 02 377 661 or at mohammed@belfastcity.gov.uk.

Figure 29: 12 April 2008, Page 11. "Community relations festival to be organized for south".

Celebrating inter-culturalism and youth achievement

Deputy mayor lends support to young carers and achievers

Last week the city celebrated Intercultural and Anti-Racism week. This annual event is an all-island social partnership initiative organised by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, the National Consultative Council on Racism and Interculturalism in Ireland and key social partners North and South.

In recent years significant numbers of migrant workers and their families have migrated to Northern Ireland to live and work here. While the experience of most has been positive, various forms of racism and discrimination continue to permeate our society. The aims of Intercultural Week are to challenge people to face up to these issues and to look beyond stereotypes and myths surrounding migrant workers and their families.

As part of Intercultural Week, Belfast City Council's Good Relations Unit hosted an information event for migrant workers in Belfast in conjunction with South Belfast Round Table. The event took place in St George's Market and the Lord



DEPUTY MAYOR
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BERNIE KELLY

Mayor and I attended to lend our support. The following key partners had stands and provided information: PSNL, NIHE, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, Labour Relations Agency, Law Centre, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, BELB, Women's Aid, Citizen's Advice Bureau, NI Council for Ethnic Minorities, Multi-Cultural Resource Centre and GEMS. Interpreters were available in Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian and feedback from migrant workers was positive.

Young Carers Event

Recently I attended the launch of a Young Carers Activity Project, the result of a valuable partnership between Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, the I74 Trust and the Belfast Activity Centre at Shaw's Bridge. It caters for young carers aged 13-21 years who are looking after family members who have a range of physical and mental health



Mark Pollock (left) who won a well-deserved Special Achievement Award at the Belfast Media Group Top 40 Under 40 awards

problems. This is a subject that I have professional experience of and feel strongly about. Carers save health and social services millions of pounds by providing care for their loved ones. Their own needs often go ignored and they become physically and emotionally exhausted. For young carers, the caring role can have a detrimental effect on their education and social life and result in isolation

from their peers. The project allows them to meet up once a week with other young carers and take part in activities where they can have fun and time for themselves. It was great to hear the young carers talk about the difference the project has made to their lives. They have become much more confident and no longer feel so alone and burdened by the caring role.

Top 40 Under 40 Awards

You will recall that I wrote in this column some time ago about Mark Pollock who had a very promising career when he suddenly lost his sight. He had to rebuild his life from scratch and has now become a motivational speaker and has successfully competed in all sorts of prestigious sporting events. I was so inspired

by Mark that I nominated him for the 2008 Top 40 Under 40 Awards hosted by the Belfast Media Group. I am delighted that not only was Mark one of the successful 40 young champions of the city, but he also won a Special Achievement award.

This is a well deserved award to Mark who's courage and positive outlook in the face of great challenges is an inspiration to us all.

A 11-year-old comes to Hospice Shop open day

Figure 30: 19 April 2008, Page 4. "Celebrating inter-culturalism and youth achievement".

Getting dug in to work on community centre

Thirteen years after fundraising began, the local Chinese community finally sees the first sod being cut on their new community centre

THE OFFICIAL sod cutting ceremony to mark the beginning of building work on the long-awaited Chinese Community Centre took place last week.

Social Development Minister Margaret Ritchie was joined by Lord Mayor Jim Rogers to cut the first official sod on the Ormeau Road centre. The £1.5 million building will be the first ethnic minority centre in Northern Ireland to be built from scratch.

The Chinese Welfare Association have been fund raising and lobbying for the centre to be built for over 13 years. When completed the building will include staff offices, a multi-purpose hall, training room, library, training room, conference room, user room, creche and playground.

Danny Wong, Chairman of the Chinese Welfare Association said the centre will bring great benefits to the wider South Belfast community.

"Chinese Welfare Association Management Committee initiated the need for a centre for our community in 1994," he said.

"In the past year the management, staff and volunteers and Project Steering Team have worked tirelessly to meet deadlines and targets, overcome setbacks and we are proud that today when one passes the site of 193 Ormeau

Road preparation work has begun.

"We look forward to a centre that is warm and welcoming to all in promoting cultural diversity and for all to enjoy a better quality of life for all communities."

The date of the sod cutting ceremony-Tuesday 8 April-is synonymous as a good day on the Chinese calendar for building work to begin.

Funds for the centre were granted jointly by the Department of Social Development, Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Community Relations Unit, Big Lottery Fund's Building Quality Childcare programme, Ulster Garden Villages, Bom bardier and the local Chinese community.

"We look forward to a centre that is warm and welcoming to all in promoting cultural diversity and for all to enjoy a better quality of life for all communities."

Social Development Minister Margaret Ritchie congratulated the Chinese community



Margaret Ritchie (centre) at the cutting of the first sod of the Chinese community centre in South Belfast. Also included are (left) Alex Maskey, Eileen Chan-Hu, the Chief Executive of CWA, Danny Wong, Chairman of the CWA and Mayor Jim Rodgers.

on their hard work securing funding for the state-of-the-art building.

"This is a wonderful day for the Chinese Welfare Association and the wider Chinese community. I congratulate the Association in getting to this stage where construction can now get underway to provide a much-needed facility in this area," said the minister.

"My Department, through the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, is pleased to be contributing almost £500,000 towards project costs. I very much value the working partnerships that are formed between the various agencies

and the community sector in bringing projects like this to fruition.

"It is this type of working relationship that will build social cohesion and foster a bet-

ter understanding of the mix of minority ethnic communities that make up the rich tapestry of cultures across Belfast city and throughout Northern Ireland."

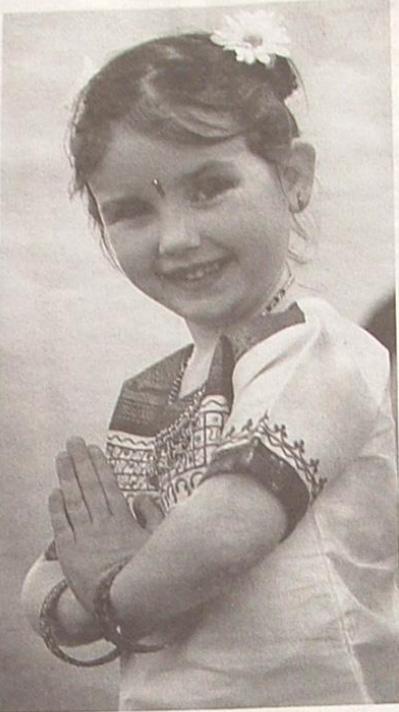
Family lifestyles on the MEND at Newtonbreda health classes

Figure 31: 19 April 2008, Page 7. "Getting dug in to work on community centre".

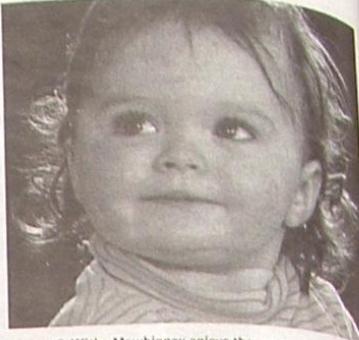
City Church party for Somasundram family



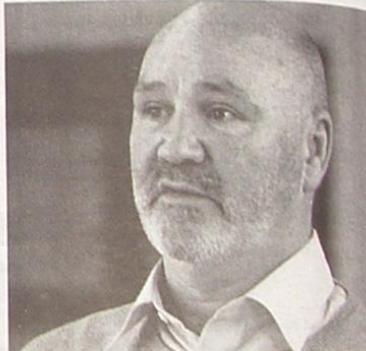
Members of the local community who supported the campaign for a Sri Lankan family fighting to remain in the north celebrated the decision that they have been given indefinite leave to stay in their adopted home. Above: Visnu Somasundram thanks everybody for their support



Mia Hines performs her dance routine at the celebration



Annest Griffiths Mawhinney enjoys the party



Alex Maskey who supported the family's campaign

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Figure 32: 19 April 2008, Page 20. "City Church party for Somasundram family".



Somasundram and Vino Somasundram with Alex Maskey, Lois Hamilton (Law Centre NI), Norman Uprichard and Patricia Lewsley (NICCY)



Somasundram and Vino Somasundram with sons and daughters Sujatha, Raj and Kousalyaa and close family friends



Mrs Susan Blair, Mrs Paddy Abbott and Mrs Hilary Uprichard at the City Church celebration



Megan Kernohan, Alex Kernohan and Kousalyaa Somasundram

Figure 33: 19 April 2008, Page 21. "City Church party for Somasundram family" (continued).

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Convenient truth is no-truth

A member of the local Chinese community has asked us for a right to reply in response to a piece carried in SBN last week regarding the situation in Tibet, a service we are happy to provide to all our readers.

BY Y P LIU

The Tibet issue is more complicated than it seems. Judgment based on conventional wisdom risks contradicting not only historical facts, but also common sense.

The recent turmoil in Tibet and nearby Chinese provinces has brought China into the media spotlight.

In a matter of days, western politicians were quick to jump on the China-bashing bandwagon, condemning the Chinese government for its "heavy-handed crackdown" or a "peaceful protest".

In the meantime, large numbers of western activists joined force with young exiled Tibetans to put on numerous protests around the world against the "gross violation of human rights" and ruthless "cultural genocide" inflicted on the Tibetan people by an evil Communist government.

Despite all the drama and excitement, few questions were raised – with even less analysis done – around whether the hostility against China is rationally justifiable.

On March 14, violence broke out on the streets of Lhasa, with hundreds of Tibetan youngsters raging targeted attacks on non-Tibetan residents (including but not limited to Han Chinese) and sabotaging government, as well as commercial properties. The riot came after four days of protests and hunger strikes in some of Lhasa's largest monasteries, which happened almost in synchrony with a speech delivered by the 14th Dalai Lama on March 10 in Dharamsala, the headquarter of the Tibetan government-in-exile, to mark the 49th anniversary of what he referred to as a "peaceful uprising" which, in fact, was an armed rebellion instigated by Tibetan aristocrats, assisted by the CIA, and coordinated by two of his brothers Gyalo Thondup and Thubten Norbu – who, among other things, organised the training of Kham-pa guerilla fighters at US military bases in the Pacific island of Saipan and in Camp Hale, Colorado.

In his speech, the Dalai Lama, in front of hundreds of supporters, accused the Chinese authority of committing "numerous, unimaginable and gross violations of human rights" and imposing "increased repression and brutality".

At the same time, he also reiterated his "sincere" long-standing support for China's hosting of this year's Olympic games. It is not clear whether His Holiness was trying to fool himself or the millions of people to whom his speech is set to reach; for if he was indeed as sincere as he claims, the timing of his speech could not be worse. And it would sound more convincing if his anniversary remark were an annual event rather than an ad hoc stunt.

Faced with the most severe riot in 20 years, the Chinese authority hesitated to take immediate action to calm the situation and avoid further damage in fear of triggering international criticism. Police and paramilitary forces – the latter of which were mobilised slowly as the situation showed no sign of improvement – only took defensive positions, firing occasional warning shots and using tear gas to disperse angry crowds which, before engaging in aggressive attacks on the anti-riot forces, were stoning passers-by, smashing shops, and setting buildings on fire.

Even as the riot spread into neighboring provinces of Gansu and Sichuan, with government buildings raided and the national flag replaced with the Tibetan flag, the Chinese authority implemented little more than a deterrence-like strategy, using a large military presence to encourage rioters to give in.

Had such an event occurred in any other country in the world, swift actions would have been taken to bring the rioters to justice. For that no matter what cause one is pursuing, using violence against innocent people is never morally justifiable. At the same time, irrespective of one's interpretation of history, Tibet, as of now, is de facto, as well as de jure, a part of China. Violent separatist activities driven by ethnic hatred are little short of acts of terrorism, and should not be tolerated, not to mention glorified.

Some may refute such argument as a reiteration of Chinese propaganda which downplays the brutality of China's suppressive rule over Tibet. Such skepticism is understandable given the level of secrecy involved in the way in which the Chinese government administers the country's internal affairs. It is, however, less understandable that, for some 60 years, popular "Tibetan propaganda" has rarely placed under the microscope of public scrutiny despite its strong contradiction with voluminous historical records.

The Chinese government is

"Western commentators, as well as politicians, often criticize China for depriving its citizens of freedom of all kinds. While there is some truth to such criticism, China is not a sealed pressure cooker as many westerners have come to believe. Freedom has to have its boundaries."

not perfect. To err, however, is human. As a government that has only abandoned its impractical ideology some 30 years ago, the Chinese government has a long way to go before reaching its maturity in many aspects.

China is a country with a 1.3bn population divided into 56 ethnic groups. The degree of complexity within today's Chinese society cannot be overlooked when analyzing issues in China. Yet like in many other developing countries, human rights issues arise due primarily to the lack of institutional infrastructure for the enforcement of law, and malpractice and corruption at various administrative levels. Addressing these issues takes time, and requires a stable social environment.

Western commentators, as well as politicians, often criticize China for depriving its citizens of freedom of all kinds. While there is some truth to such criticism, China is not a sealed pressure cooker as many westerners have come to believe. Freedom has to have its boundaries. In China, this boundary is stability. This, nevertheless, does not render stability an irrelevant goal to pursue. When a country is broadly on the right track, it is better to have stability and gradual improvement than to have disruptive revolutionary changes.

With over 350,000 Chinese students now studying abroad and over a million graduated with overseas degrees, the assumption that the majority of Chinese people are brainwashed by an incompetent Chinese authority that cannot even make a sound case in front of the international community of its legitimate effort to calm a violent riot is plainly ludicrous. Chinese do not rebel not because they are stupid or indifferent. It is because they know that things are fine.

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Figure 34: 19 April 2008, Page 25. "Convenient truth is no truth".