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RIOTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND FASCIST RIOT THREATS

Incorporating:

Emergency Motion 14 – Fascist Riot Threats (SC) and
Emergency Motion 15 – Riots in Northern Ireland (NWI)

Composite text:

Congress, last night saw a coordinated mobilisation across Britain and the north of Ireland lead by known fascist and right-wing populist agitators. In Belfast, nothing short of a pogrom occurred where HMOs were attacked and set ablaze, neighbourhoods terrorised, and ethnic minorities attacked. In Glasgow, blackshirts marched through the city attacking individuals based on the colour of their skin.

The former Red Clydeside, now sees the ugly spawn of Mosley brazenly parading through its streets.

The racist violence last night across Northern Ireland, with emergency services dealing with 62 incidents has no place in our streets, and our communities. Glasgow and Southampton were also affected.

Scenes like these occurred throughout Britain and should not come as a surprise. The growth of fascism comes as a result of decades of capitalism's slow decay and frequent economic crises.

As trade unionists we strive daily to make life and work better and to live and work in peace despite the Far Rights attempts to divide us. The labour movement has failed to fill the vacuum caused by rampant deindustrialisation and austerity. As a result, the regression of our union movement has seen communities isolated. Fascists and right-wing populists have capitalised on this and now play on the fears and precarious situation of many working people's lives.

The fight against fascism requires us to re-strengthen the communities our members, and sister union members, live in. Trade Union Councils have played a major role in combatting fascists at a grass roots level.

We say no to racism, we say no to violence incited by those who do not live in or care a one bit for our communities.

Congress we call on the CEC to:

- Publicly condemn the racist attacks on ethnic minorities, workers and much respected members of our communities
- Publicly oppose further attacks on workers, communities and families.
- Publish a public statement across our social media accounts condemning the fascist led riots and attacks of ethnic minorities
- Oppose further escalations of race-based violence in our streets

Mover: GMB Scotland

Second: North West & Irish Region