



Global Afrikan Congressuk (GACuk)

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GACuk is the UK Chapter of Global Afrikan Congress (GAC), an international network of organisations formed after Afrikans at the UN World Conference Against Racism 2001 successfully encouraged nation states to recognise our enslavement as a crime against humanity. Our key objective is to achieve Reparations for these crimes which still continue today, including neo-colonialism, genocide and racism.

GAC organises from the grassroots offering local, regional and international community solidarity, co-operation and empowerment. It offers organisations and Afrikans across the world the opportunity to work together in a unified fashion to demand Reparations. We aim to mobilise the human, economic, political, spiritual and cultural resources of Afrika and the Afrikan Diaspora in the interest and to the benefit of Afrika and her people.

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The term 'Afrikan' in this document refers to the indigenous people of Afrika and their descendants throughout the Diaspora in all corners of the world. We spell Afrika with a 'k' based on the following insights:

- it is a Pan-Afrikan spelling which relates both to the Afrikan continent and the Diaspora;
- it reflects the spelling of 'Afrika' an Afrikan languages and
- it includes the concept of 'ka', the vital energy which both sustains and creates life, as expressed in ancient Kemetic (Egyptian) teachings

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Law Enforcement and Human Rights Violations

In our last submission we reported on the case of Dalian Atkinson, a former professional footballer who died in 2016 after police were called to his father's home when he was having a mental health episode. He had made a successful complaint against the police a few years before his murder. He died after he was tasered for 33 seconds, more than six times the standard practice. The police officer denied kicking him in the head but his bootlace imprint was left on Dalian's forehead and blood on his laces. Although the maximum sentence available was 16 years one police officer was found guilty of manslaughter but not murder and sentenced to 8 years in prison.¹ This is believed to be the first case since 1980 where a serving British police officer has been successfully prosecuted. Since our submission the second officer has been found guilty of using excessive force but has not been dismissed from the service².

At almost the same time we have the Commissioner of the Met police moving officers from tackling serious and organised crime and counter-terrorism to look at removing hundreds of corrupt officers that he does not believe should not be in the service.

Chris Kaba 'was not a suspect and was being followed by a police car without lights or sirens before he was shot dead by a firearms officer, an inquest into his death has been told.'³ 'The Met announced that they had referred themselves for investigation by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).'⁴ The case has now been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)⁵.

Decades after such incidents Afrikan families can still be fighting for answers and justice. For instance, 'Christopher Alder was arrested on 1 April 1998 after an altercation outside a nightclub in Hull....Within a matter of hours, he was dead on the floor of Queen's Gardens Police Station....In the moments before his death, CCTV footage taken from the custody suite showed laughing officers making monkey noises as they stood around the 37-year-old choking in a pool of his own blood.' More than a decade after his death the family found that they had been given the wrong body for burial.⁶

In March the Children's Commissioner looked into strip searching of children after concerns about the strip searching of a 15 year old Afrikan girl, Child Q, while on her period.⁷ We have yet to hear the outcome for the police officers charged with gross misconduct in this case⁸.

The Commissioner found 'evidence of widespread non-compliance with the statutory safeguards in place to protect children, including the lack of Appropriate Adults in more than half of searches and strip searches being conducted in schools, police vehicles, and within public view.'⁹ In 45% of cases the location of the strip-searches was not recorded.

She found that 2,847 children were strip-searched in England and Wales from 2018 to mid-2022. Afrikan children were 11 times more likely to be searched¹⁰. Afrikan boys accounted for more than a third (37%) of strip-searches. The youngest child was 8 years old. 51% of the searches led to no

¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-57603091>

² <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/mar/17/police-officer-faces-sack-excessive-force-dalian-atkinson>

³ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/oct/04/chris-kaba-was-followed-by-police-before-being-fatally-shot-hears-inquest>

⁴ <https://www.voice-online.co.uk/news/uk-news/2022/12/28/the-killing-of-chris-kaba>

⁵ https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-65123767?fbclid=IwAR0BjY_tu1740ONPSBec0fiSK0xe6li00vyy1684dV7rpMPjPP8iesIAs4o

⁶ https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-65087872?fbclid=IwAR0tFP0pUOf7Pv_vKGhRCX408-u2f2qEqvwp-M3ajmofkkq7UJgOZZwiwlg

⁷ <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/child-q-and-the-law-on-strip-search>

⁸ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-61796798>

⁹ <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/strip-search-of-children-in-england-and-wales>

¹⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/mar/26/race-disparity-police-strip-searches-of-children-england-and-wales>

further action and only 31% led to an arrest. Only 39 of 43 forces responded. She has asked that 27 forces be referred to the police watchdog because of concerns about children's safeguarding or indicated breaches of the statutory code of practice.

'Insp Andy George, the president of the National Black Police Association, said of the new report: "It is yet another example of institutional racism which is adversely impacting children across England and Wales. Chief constables must be braver in acknowledging the existence of institutional racism if we ever hope to stop this cycle of low confidence with the Black community.'

There is also concern at the adultification of Afrikan children and a failure to treat them as potential victims of crime if the search is because police believe they are involved in County Lines drug trafficking or carrying a weapon.

A report commissioned after a serving police officer raped and murdered Sara Everard, a woman of Afrikan heritage, has found that the Met Police 'force has institutional problems with racism, misogyny and homophobia.'¹¹ Baroness Louise Casey's 'report laid bare a culture of "overt" racism within the force, where the N-word was used, (Black) officers were less likely to get promoted and were 81 per cent more likely to find themselves in the misconduct system.'

The report says that it will take 'until 2061, to reach 46% Black, Asian and ethnic minority representation – what is needed to be representative of London today, let alone the even more diverse city it will be in nearly 40 years' time.'¹²

In another report by the University of St Andrews, 43% of Afrikan Caribbean people reported racial discrimination by the police¹³. The Labour Party scored highest for political engagement by Afrikan people. 'The researchers said the survey had relatively few participants aged under 18 or over 65 because of the online recruitment and interviewing methods used during the pandemic. They said this could mean the findings understate the extent of ethnic inequality in Britain.'

Kirsty Buchanan, 'previously a special adviser at Number 10 and the Ministry of Justice, told Sky News: "The boys were followed into the shop when my son went to buy some shampoo...." "My son was joking with the rangers about why they were following him when they snapped...." "They grabbed his arm, threw him on the floor, sat on him and tied his hands with plastic handcuffs...." "They pulled his arms up and my son was screaming that it hurt."¹⁴ Police did not tell her where her 15 year old son was for several hours after they arrested him.

'A police raid on a pub in Essex has rekindled a row over the display of golliwog dolls'.¹⁵ We are not aware of previous police action against something that many find racist. It is not clear if the action is connected to references to lynching of Afrikan people by one the owners of the pub.¹⁶

The Racial Bias and The Bench report 'surveyed 373 legal professionals and found that 95% of respondents said that racial bias plays some role in the processes or outcomes of the justice system.... A further 63% said it played a significant role and 29% responded that it had a "fundamental role"..... Over half (56%) of people surveyed reported they have witnessed one or more judges acting in a racially biased way towards a defendant and 52% had witnessed one or more judges acting in a racially biased way in their judicial rulings, summing up, sentencing, bail,

¹¹ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/03/21/met-police-casey-report-key-findings-racist-sexist>

¹² <https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-03-21/casey-report-what-are-the-key-findings-of-the-met-police-review>

¹³ https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/apr/09/britain-not-close-to-being-a-racially-just-society-finds-two-year-research-project?fbclid=IwAR06E1dz-d8_RotzoOO0f4P3y7fLQJdSJdJmpOMzqq6lGoX5QlYlQ1pLzLk

¹⁴ https://news.sky.com/story/black-teenager-sat-on-and-handcuffed-while-buying-shampoo-by-civilian-security-staff-at-superdrug-in-chichester-his-mother-claims-12840651?fbclid=IwAR0AUUpdF_DnRS39jPIRVgHadvUfFmIXAGwlcK9oY61H8qWno5SZtRjYDT7A

¹⁵ https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/apr/13/golliwog-dolls-what-are-they-and-are-they-to-display?fbclid=IwAR2hS_4uw9SAJnGGB_C2OhyBwPngY_wBWDqy9pDYXV1dZQkB_Qi6zB60VE

¹⁶

<https://twitter.com/sundersays/status/1645545633237852163?fbclid=IwAR2r7YL5qcq4r4UqJOPQLQlkmksX4sLvxcW0U2o6SglJSzVV43eDCzCITM>

comments and/or directions..... (it) found young black male defendants were noted as still being the most targeted sub-group of judicial discrimination.¹⁷

The Ethnic Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System report by EQUAL, an advisory group advocating for racial justice, found that 'BLACK CARIBBEAN young males are more likely to be sentenced to jail time than any other ethnic group'.¹⁸

Ensuring that the Voices of Afrikan People Are Heard

We note that the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) Website has the uk listed for a future Session. The uk report was due on 6th April 2020, submitted on 8th March 2023 but has not been publicised in the uk, let alone sent to Afrikan organisations such as ours which have given evidence in Geneva in 2011 and 2016. This is despite the Concluding Observation on 'Consultations with civil society 45. The Committee recommends that the State party undertake meaningful and effective consultations with civil society organizations working in the area of human rights protection, in particular those working to combat racial discrimination, in connection with the preparation of the next periodic report and in the follow-up to the present concluding observations.'¹⁹

Organisations such as ours were also not considered in the planning of the recent UN WGEPAD country visit. While I was appointed as the first of three Ambassadors for the visit by the UN Fellows co-ordinating some of the visit, there was little space for engagement with civil society meaning that the WGEPAD were unable to go to Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales where smaller Afrikan populations can mean greater incidents of abuse.

"There's no safe place for young people," (Catherine Namakula) said at the end of an open public meeting in the BBC building in Salford, adding that children of African descent were overpoliced in their homes, schools and wider communities. "The law is in conflict with children of African descent, instead of the children being in conflict with it. They're not breaking the law, the law is breaking our children."²⁰

This is perhaps not surprising as '(instead) of addressing the human rights of people of African descent, the working group said "we saw really complex narratives trying to justify inaction".²¹ Also not surprisingly a government official rejected most of the findings.

The 'Inclusive Britain strategy committed the government to 74 bold actions to level up unjust ethnic disparities, focussing on increasing trust and fairness, promoting equality of opportunity, nurturing agency, and fostering greater inclusion.'²² We are told that it has implemented 32 of these actions but we see little evidence of consultation and engagement with Afrikan organisations such as ours in the introduction, monitoring or delivery of this strategy. The government has not, for instance, brought community advisors on policing issues together to look at the proposed actions and how they can and are implemented in their areas to maximise any potential benefits and share learning. There are many Afrikan people sitting on police bodies such as Stop and Search Scrutiny panels, Race Advisory Groups and taser monitoring groups whose expertise are not being used at a national level. It also means that our communities are ill informed about these actions and how they are supposed to improve our lives.

The Right To Participate in Elections

¹⁷ https://www.voice-online.co.uk/news/uk-news/2023/01/25/lammy-backs-report-which-finds-over-half-of-judges-seen-to-act-is-a-racially-biased-way/?fbclid=IwAR0sIAA51g7ohBpu8uf4NR_5hQQWlHn72ASyflAiQrxAFUN9_tNRpZX2IU#.Y9fo0uUJ_8.facebook

¹⁸ https://www.voice-online.co.uk/news/uk-news/2023/01/23/uk-criminal-justice-anti-caribbean-racism-exposed/?fbclid=IwAR0tFP0pUOf7Pv_vKGhRCX408-u2f2qEqvwp-M3aJmofkq7UJgOZZwiwlg#.Y9GdGJLys3Z.facebook

¹⁹ https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CERD%2FC%2FGBR%2FCO%2F21-23&Lang=en

²⁰ https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/jan/27/black-people-in-uk-tell-un-of-daily-injustices?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR11C1_t2_hBHdQFjIA6JhSdK6klqflu0i60WYzlnrGwfoaWgf-0ZQbAA

²¹ https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/black-people-in-uk-living-in-fear-over-racism-say-un-experts/ar-AA16QsHi?ocid=msedgntp&cvid=a6e2f1d8303440369cf39142bfdcdc7ca&fbclid=IwAR0sAWj3Kap2IT4ZV7OQCOuF2Mz1x8JIh3NEygmVyV1LYTgCVE_VKcqp73o

²² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-britain-update-report/inclusive-britain-update-report>

Most of the uk will have elections in May 2023 and for the first time people will have to carry photo id to vote although there has been very little information. 'Changing the law to force people to show photo ID to take part in UK elections will be catastrophic for ethnic minority communities, increasing barriers to access and in effect disenfranchising them, equality and democracy campaigners have warned.'²³ It is believed ¼ of voters don't realise that they need to bring id.²⁴

Confronting Legacies

However, if the uk government Windrush Compensation Scheme is to be seen as a form of Reparations then it is sadly lacking. Of 5,413 claims, 2,192 (40.5%) are still awaiting a decision²⁵. Campaigners report that:

1. people are still dying before they receive compensation;
2. if their citizenship is not accepted then their children and grandchildren are unable to attend higher education;
3. loss of earnings is being based on figures using the Ethnic Pay Gap rather than the known going rate for a job that white workers would get;
4. the compensation for being made homeless is less than £10 per day and
5. pensions are not being fully reinstated.

'In a written statement in the House of Commons, Suella Braverman said she would not be establishing a migrants' commissioner — ditching a recommendation made following a scathing review into how the scandal unfolded at the Home Office.Other accepted recommendations, including increasing the powers of the independent chief inspector of borders and immigration (ICIBI) and holding reconciliation events with the Windrush community, will also no longer go ahead.'²⁶ Black Equity Organisation (BEO) has started legal action against this decision.²⁷

People continue to suffer from the hostile environment and are not told where they can get support²⁸. Five years after the story of the scandal made it into the media, we are still hearing of new cases such as Siyabonga Twala²⁹ and Andrew O'Connor³⁰. Asylum seekers now seem to be being moved to different cities with little notice and no consideration of their needs or the fact that they have started to rebuild their lives. 'Many are studying, volunteering and have established community links in the area and were distressed about being uprooted at such short notice. One young man who has just turned 18 uses a wheelchair and is undergoing treatment at a London hospital.'³¹

A report from a global human rights organisation said the administration of the Windrush compensation scandal should be "stripped" from the Home Office and given to an independent body. Human Rights Watch are 'calling for an independent body focussed on the needs of victims to be appointed and Windrush survivors must be able to access legal aid. Dr Wanda Wyporska'³²

²³ <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2021/mar/09/warning-over-photo-id-law-change-for-uk-wide-and-english-elections>

²⁴ <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/one-four-voters-wrongly-believe-29552560>

²⁵ <https://metro.co.uk/2023/04/06/windrush-scandal-campaigners-say-forgotten-victims-still-suffering-18564869>

²⁶ https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/suella-braverman-williams-home-secretary-windrush-home-office-b2269688.html?fbclid=IwAR0sIAA51g7ohBpu8uf4NR_5hQQWlhN72ASYfIAiQrxAFUN9_ttNRpZX2IU

²⁷ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/apr/06/civil-rights-group-beo-seeks-judicial-review-over-windrush-promises?fbclid=IwAR0HJHatlYDdG8kKV2Jl0wAPyfcwiMWkXY3Mu6Ws7MeMtJy3JMhBFuPmHXw>

²⁸ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/apr/07/windrush-victim-joseph-mowlah-baksh-dwp-documentation?fbclid=IwAR1WeMN5L7prS-7ZZF4JbF5-CCm571g5mpfHRFCBMhT-nzB7-BMEOUBAS9s>

²⁹ https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/mar/23/punished-again-father-barred-uk-fights-home-son-siyabonga-twala?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR0sIAA51g7ohBpu8uf4NR_5hQQWlhN72ASYfIAiQrxAFUN9_ttNRpZX2IU

³⁰ https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/mar/07/jamaica-hostel-vulnerable-us-uk-mental-health-deportees-acc?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR0tFP0pUOf7Pv_vKGhRCX408-u2f2qEqvwp-M3ajmofkkq7UJgOZZwiwlg

³¹ https://amp.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/feb/08/refugees-protest-against-plan-to-move-them-from-london-to-bedfordshire?fbclid=IwAR0sIAA51g7ohBpu8uf4NR_5hQQWlhN72ASYfIAiQrxAFUN9_ttNRpZX2IU

³² <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/calls-to-strip-home-office-of-windrush-compensation-administration/ar->

“Since the mid-2000s the aim of UK legislative changes regarding deportation has been to shift the scales in favour of public interest and against the rights of individuals to family and private life,”³³ according to Luke de Noronha, a researcher at University College London and the author of *Deporting Black Britons*.

‘Suella Braverman should consider her position for putting forward “cruel and heartless” immigration policies that discriminate against war refugees of colour, a former Home Office adviser has said.... Nimco Ali, a one-time Conservative campaigner who in December left her job as an adviser on violence against women, said the home secretary was “the wrong person not just for the Conservative party but for the country”.... A child refugee from Somaliland, Ali said the government’s failure to widen routes open to Ukrainians to other refugees appeared to be “racist” and “painful”.³⁴

Refugee Action reports that ‘(asylum) seekers who complain about poor conditions in Home Office hotels have been threatened with being sent to Rwanda³⁵. As with much these research reports it is hard to get disaggregated ethnic data.

‘Building regulations were “faulty and ambiguous” in the run-up to the Grenfell Tower fire, Housing Secretary Michael Gove has said - the first such admission by a government minister.³⁶ Concerns about safety were ignored. A least 1/3 of the 72 who died in the fire are believed to be Afrikan.

(Slightly) More Positive Developments

We now have ethnic origin data from the Census 2021³⁷ which shows 2.5% of the population as Afrikan and over 1% of Mixed Afrikan heritage. The Race Disparity Audit data is now in the Ethnicity Facts and Figures Website³⁸.

The government ‘Women and Equalities Committee report says racism has played a key role in creating health disparities.... Black women are nearly four times more likely than white women to die within six weeks of giving birth..... Caroline Nokes, who chairs the committee, said births on the NHS “are among the safest in the world” but black women’s raised risk was “shocking” and improvements in disparities between different groups were too slow. “It is frankly shameful that we have known about these disparities for at least 20 years - it cannot take another 20 to resolve,” she added.³⁹

‘The Church Commissioners, the body that administers the (Church of England’s) 10 billion-pound (\$12.3 billion) investment fund, hired forensic accountants in 2019 to dig through the church’s archives for evidence of slave trade links. They spent two years poring over centuries-old ledgers, and what they found is “shaming,” the church said.⁴⁰ Church of England ‘has committed £100 million in a reparations-style package to make up for its role in the historical slave trade⁴¹. The

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³³ [https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/mar/07/jamaica-hostel-vulnerable-us-uk-mental-health-deportees-](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/mar/07/jamaica-hostel-vulnerable-us-uk-mental-health-deportees-acc?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR0sAWj3Kap2IT4ZV7OQC0uF2Mz1x8Jh3NEygmVyV1LYTgCVE_VKcqp73o_nT5DMXBs6v1YekkWjqmXENZeKGvYwn_4IR4MQ)

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³⁴ https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2023/mar/13/suella-braverman-policies-are-cruel-and-heartless-says-ex-home-office-adviser?fbclid=IwAR06E1dz-d8_RotzoOOof4P3y7fLQJdSJdJmpOMzqq6IGoX5QIYIQ1pLzLk

³⁵ https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/mar/23/uk-asylum-seekers-who-complain-about-conditions-threatened-with-rwanda?CMP=share_btn_fb&fbclid=IwAR02jxHoMXmP7oA742DfV-QvWKJ2iW3PUlinukcb9y0K22ajcNd8i7T1iqI

³⁶ https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64443282?fbclid=IwAR0tFP0pUOf7Pv_vKGhRCX408-u2f2qEqvwp-M3ajmofkq7UJgOZZwiwlg

³⁷ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/ethnicity/bulletins/ethnicgroupenglandandwales/census2021>

³⁸ https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/?utm_source=rdareport

³⁹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-65300168>

⁴⁰ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/amp/rcna68449?fbclid=IwAR0bneWKKZpmChQeoNSJ255zAV5ult7LP-Wpc5-GER0tw3i0jfN9G-WVeiQ>

⁴¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64228673>

Quakers have also 'committed to making practical reparations for the transatlantic slave trade, colonialism and economic exploitation'⁴²

'The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has agreed to a pilot scheme to monitor data on the age, race, sex and disability of those prosecuted under the joint enterprise doctrine after a legal challenge from campaign group JENGBA, represented by Liberty.'⁴³

'The controversial doctrine, which has led to people being convicted of murder or manslaughter even if they did not play a decisive role, has been used to prosecute people of colour, in particular Black boys and young men, in so-called 'gang' related cases – with whole groups often convicted for a crime committed by one person on the back of allegations that they are in a gang.

However, despite research suggesting for over a decade that the joint enterprise laws are used disproportionately against people of colour, the CPS does not record any data about those prosecuted under joint enterprise, which conceals the full nature and extent of the problem. Of young males serving 15 years or more for Joint Enterprise convictions, nearly 60% are Black, Asian or from Minority Ethnic backgrounds (BAME) and nearly 40% are Black.'

We are no closer to the repatriation of Afrikan artefacts, hampered by the British Museum Act 1963 and the Heritage Act 1983⁴⁴. Instead the government has taken a 'retain and explain' stance. Fortunately some institutions are not covered by these laws and are returning stolen artefacts.

Some local authorities and Labour Constituency groups have passed motions supporting Reparations, eg Brighton, Bristol, Islington and Lambeth. The Green Party was 'the first major national party to commit to seeking reparations for the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Afrikans'⁴⁵. The Labour Party Manifesto 2019 committed to 'conduct an audit of the impact of Britain's colonial legacy.'⁴⁶

'The British government has never formally apologised for slavery or offered to pay reparations' but the families of some enslavers are now doing so such as the Trevelyans⁴⁷, Alex Renton⁴⁸ and the owner of the Guardian newspaper⁴⁹. Some Cities are looking at their links to enslavement and how they profited from them.⁵⁰ King Charles III has 'supported independent research into the monarchy's links with the slave trade.'⁵¹ A former Tory MP saying any Reparations should come from King Charles himself should be taken as an admission that they know someone has to pay⁵².

⁴² eg, Minute 27 and 33 <https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/yearly-meeting-minutes-2022-full-final>

⁴³ https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/legal-win-for-campaigners-in-racist-joint-enterprise-dispute/?fbclid=IwAR35cs4PfHmme094HwDBnV_F2h5jhp7FfCpAZm747BruC60lre3PVIER-kw

⁴⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/mar/26/regional-museums-break-ranks-with-uk-government-on-return-of-benin-bronzes>

⁴⁵ <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/news/2020/10/11/green-party-commits-to-reparatory-justice-for-afrikan-enslavement>

⁴⁶ <https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2021/02/15/labour-report-proposes-uk-pay-reparations-british-empire-virtual-abolition-monarchy>

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