

Four arrested as pro-Palestine protest turns violent outside Bradford kebab shop

I have seen bits of video of this fight but, while they were posted by people I have no cause to doubt, there was insufficient context until now. From the [Telegraph](#) and X

A brawl erupted outside a kebab shop after pro-Palestinian protesters stormed the restaurant and allegedly demanded the owner boycott Coca-Cola.

Footage of the confrontation, at Salah's takeaway on Leeds Road in Bradford on Friday evening, shows a large group of demonstrators draped in Palestinian flags shouting outside the restaurant.

Additional footage of the Muslim Pro-Palestinian group attacking a Kebab shop in Bradford, UK after the restaurant refused to stop selling Coca Cola.

Coca Cola is one of the brands boycotted by anti-Israel groups.

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– Oli London (@OliLondonTV) [February 26, 2024](#)

Police said four men had been arrested.

Video footage posted on social media showed how the situation appeared to escalate after a man inside the takeaway came outside to confront the crowd.

A friend of Salahudin Yusuf, the owner of the restaurant, said there were around 40 to 50 people outside the takeaway protesting against the sale of Coca-Cola.

The man, who gave his name as Mirban, told the Halal food news website Feed the Lion that the protesters “were threatening them to stop selling certain products”, including the fizzy drink.

He said: “[Mr Yusuf] was defending his business. They’ve approached his business and carried out an assault outside the shop. The owner was hurt and suffered stitches to his lip... We are for the Palestinian cause. Any attacks on innocent people we condemn. But we’re purely a business. For these individuals and groups to start attacking these businesses is out of order and it’s not from Islam.”

He said the outlet no longer sold the drink but the protesters accused them of selling it under the counter.

Friends of Al-Aqsa, a UK-based NGO, said: “Coca-Cola operates on stolen Palestinian land and is therefore directly profiting from Israel’s illegal occupation and apartheid in Palestine.”

The group has previously called for a National Day of Action boycotting restaurants and cafes that sell the soft drink.

Four men aged 30, 34, 46 and 50 had been arrested on suspicion of offences including criminal damage and assault, West Yorkshire Police said. All the suspects were released on bail pending further enquiries.

The force added: “Police were called to a disturbance at Salah’s takeaway, in Leeds Road, Bradford, with reports of damage being caused to a window and people assaulted.