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**Unite National BAEM Committee Chair and EC Representative Statement**

**Far-Right Riots and Anti-Fascist Protesters**

The escalating hostility shown by the far-right demonstrators toward and anti-fascists and Black and Asian Ethnic Minority (BAEM) people in both societal and professional contexts is deeply troubling. We must refuse to succumb to fear and protect our safety and our children.

History has taught us that living in hate or fear is counterproductive. During these turbulent times, we must advocate for calm, harmony, and unity within our nation and counteract and show our revulsion at the violence we are witnessing.

Our steadfast commitment lies in rejecting violence and division while actively promoting mutual understanding and respect. By engaging in constructive dialogue, embracing diversity, and focusing on our collective goals within our movement, community, and professional realms, we can foster the healing of wounds created by divisions and the construction of meaningful connections.

We urge government authorities, community leaders, organisational heads, and trade union representatives to facilitate open, meaningful dialogue, promote multicultural understanding, and underscore shared values that can bridge fabricated divides.

Trade union and community gatherings, peaceful demonstrations, and collaborative initiatives are crucial in healing and rebuilding trust.

We recognise the importance of each individual's voice as a contributor to a united effort to build a harmonious and secure future for all.