Liars

International newspaper falsely accuses TCS of being the mouthpiece for a 'racist' university

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The News International, Pakistan’s largest English-language newspaper, said yesterday that The Cambridge Student was part of a ‘racist campaign organised by Cambridge University. The article alleges that ‘racism in Cambridge is flourishing’, and describes TCS as ‘a mouthpiece of university authorities […] known for attacking ethnic minority students’.

These claims are untrue. The News International’s assertion that the BNP and the English Defence League ‘has a lot of support based in Cambridge’ is simply not supported by facts. When the EDL marched in Cambridge in February, their numbers were dwarfed by local and student anti-racism campaigners, as TCS reported.

TCS has consistently campaigned against racism constituents from the borough of Thurrock, where he is a councillor. These complaints had already been reported in the regional and national press. TCS did not launch a smear campaign.

The News International’s coverage appears to be based on comments made by Cambridge University Graduate Union (GU) President Arsalan Ghani, in an attempt to discredit TCS’s coverage of his time as president. Ghani’s abuses of his position will be familiar to readers of TCS. The News’s article was written by Murtaza Ali Shah, a journalist who has published several stories over the last year in support of Ghani, and featuring extensive quotes from him.

Since September, TCS has revealed that: Ghani was directly involved in the disappearance of over £1,000 from the GU; in March, GU secretary Kirstine Szifris left her position, explaining that Ghani and GU International officer Yin ‘Bruno’ Yin

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