Pakistani Christian 'left for dead' by Muslims for 'displaying poppies on car'

The first national newspaper to rport this story was the <u>Star</u> and the <u>British Pakistani Christian Association</u>, said: "An innocent man has been hospitalised, he has had to take several days off work, and now he is living in fear of further reprisals, simply for adhering to the Christian faith."

At the time of the offence, a spokesman for Derbyshire Police said: "We were called to a report of an assault outside the Red Chilli restaurant, in Littleover, at around 8:45pm. It was reported that a 45-year-old man had been kicked and punched. He was hospitalised at the Royal Derby Hospital with a broken nose and we have not yet arrested anyone in connection with the assault."

Derbyshire police did not respond to questions about the assault, including whether it was being treated as a hate crime.