

Brixton Riots

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The Brixton Riots in April 1981 were started as a result of increasing social, political and economic inequalities faced by the African British community. There was also on-going tension between the community and the police. At the time of the riot, London police were deploying a new strategy called 'Operation Swamp' which was allegedly aimed at reducing the number of robberies but in reality, resulted in many innocent African British men being harassed and stopped by police without a warrant. Over 300 people were injured during the riots.