

COMMITTEE
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## From False Accusations to Freedom: Bashir's Journey

Bashir, a 16-year-old boy from Hyderabad,came from an impoverished background. Bashir was an orphan, navigating life's challenges on his own. Unfortunately, he found himself imprisoned in the Youthful Offender Industrial School (Y.O.I.S) in Hyderabad, falsely accused of rape and keeping stolen property.

Although the Committee only represents first-time petty offenders, upon special referrals through Prison Administration or Courts, the Committee represents women and young offenders implicated in heinous offenses unable to afford private lawyers.

In his time of need, Bashir's case was entrusted to Mr. Abdullah Soomro, an advocate from the Committee. On October 19, 2023, Mr. Soomro filed the vakalatnama. Bashir was granted bail on humanitarian grounds when presented in Court for remand, allowing the case to progress.leveled against him.

As the legal proceedings unfolded, the Court conducted a thorough assessment of the case records, including the FIR, challan, evidence, and the statement of the accused.

Mr. Soomro skillfully presented arguments, highlighting significant contradictions in the prosecution's witness statements. Discrepancies in the timing of the memo of arrest, the place of arrest, and the distance between the police station and the place of arrest revealed the prosecution's failure to prove the case against Bashir.

With a keen eye for detail, the Court declared Bashir innocent, releasing him from the false and baseless charges on December 6, 2023.

