



## Ayaz Khan: A Journey from Wrongful Accusation to Rightful Freedom

Meet Ayaz Khan, a 14-year-old boy originally from Quetta, struggling to make ends meet with a monthly income of Rs. 10,000 as a laborer in Karachi.

Ayaz's life took a devastating turn when he was arrested by the police without cause and falsely charged with carrying an unlicensed weapon.

Coming from a very poor and needy background, Ayaz had no means to afford legal representation. However, his plea for help was answered by Mr. Waqar Ali Mallah, an advocate from the Legal Aid Office, who filed a vakalatnama on his behalf on February 23, 2023.

Despite his young age, Ayaz faced the harsh reality of the legal system. With Mr. Mallah's guidance, numerous discrepancies in the case were uncovered during the proceedings.

These included conflicting witness testimonies regarding the timing and location of events, as well as the absence of crucial evidence such as a description of the weapon.

After ten months and 11 days of legal battle, the court declared Ayaz innocent, and he was released on January 2, 2024.

His story serves as a reminder of the importance of legal aid in ensuring justice, especially for the underprivileged and vulnerable members of society.

