

# JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

## From Unjust Imprisonment to Freedom: Zubair's Story of Resilience and Justice

**Zubair Shah, a 28-year-old man originally from Mansehra but residing in Karachi, found himself imprisoned in District Prison, Malir, on false charges of carrying drugs. Zubair was a key breadwinner for his family, working as a conductor and earning Rs. 15,000 a month. Coming from a very poor background, his family could not afford a private advocate to represent him in court.**

The implementing partner Nai Zindagi referred Zubair's case to the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners. His vakalatnama was filed by Mr. Abid Jatoi on 23rd August, 2023, and the case progressed.

At the time of referral to CWP, the case was at the evidence stage for quite some time. Despite repeated notices and warrants, prosecution witnesses did not appear in court to record their evidence.

The prosecution showed no interest in proceeding with the case. Mr. Abid filed an application for Zubair's acquittal, arguing that Zubair had been in prison since September 2023 on false charges and that no witnesses had appeared whose evidence could be recorded.

He convinced the court that acquitting Zubair would serve the interest of justice and save the court's precious time. The court ordered Zubair's acquittal, and he was released from prison on 24th January, 2024, after over 16 months of imprisonment.

The entire legal process took only 5 months and 2 days to conclude, allowing Zubair to finally return to his family after a long and unjust imprisonment.

