

JUSTICE SUCCESS STORY

LAS helps a mother to get justice and quick recovery of her minor children after a family dispute in district Shahdadpur.

The Legal Aid Society (LAS) since its inception has continued to provide free legal assistance to victims belonging to marginalized communities, especially those who have been suffering from human rights violations. LAS is focusing its legal interventions on socio-economically impoverished persons, vulnerable groups, women, children, aged persons, and transgender individuals.

Rozina is a resident of district Shadadpur, Sindh and is a mother of two, children aged 4 & 5. For several years, she had been subjected to physical violence by her husband regularly. Her husband was abusive and was a habitual drug-addict. In continuation of his mindless acts he also kicked Rozina out of her own house, along with her minor kids. Rozina was left with no other option but to file

for a Khula (divorce on behalf of the wife) to secure a stable life for herself, as well for her children.

Rozina approached the LAS district office in Sanghar seeking legal assistance and guidance. Coming from a financially weak background, Rozina was in urgent need of legal support in order to file for the Khula and escape the torture inflicted on her and her children by her husband.

With LAS lawyer's assistance, Rozina attained divorce from her husband and started to live with her parents in peace, along with her children. Until one day her ex-husband came to her parent's home and snatched the minors & took them with him forcefully. He also threatened Rozina to sell the children in case she tries to approach them or complain



Rozina (left) with her children, along side LAS lawyer **Advocate Housh Muhammad** after gaining justice from the Session court on January 9, 2021

to a higher authority. Soon after this incident, Rozina also sought help from the relatives of her ex-husband to resolve this matter peacefully. However, all her efforts were in vain as Rozina received nothing but abuses and negative comments from society, particularly from the relatives. Rozina was not only away from her children, but was also completely unaware of their condition and well being..

Facing severe anxiety and depression, Rozina contacted LAS and pursued help to recover her children. LAS lawyer Advocate **Mr. Housh Muhammad** immediately took her case and filed a criminal petition (application no 03/2021) as Habeas Corpus under section 491 on her behalf at the Session court in Sanghar on **January 7, 2021**. Under this section of the law, mothers are allocated the custody of their children if they are minors (under seven years old). Following the lodged case, the Session Judge directed the relevant Station House Officer (SHO) to recover the minors and bring them forward before the court within two days.

After two days of active coordination amongst various justice delivery professionals

and district Police, the minors were brought before the Judge on **January 9, 2021**. After hearing the arguments from both parties, the Honorable Judge passed an order in favor of Rozina and directed her ex-husband to hand over the custody of minors to their mother.

LAS lawyer Advocate Housh Muhammad assured that the court orders were followed, and Rozina receives the custody of her children. Rozina is now living in peace with her children and is now able to dedicate her full attention towards the upbringing and education of her children. She highly thankful to LAS for its legal assistance, without which she would not have been able to secure her legal right.



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