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**USPA NEWS** - Human Rights Legal Aid Foundation (HRLAF) Announces that LAWFARE Works in Aftermath of Imran Khan's Legal Victory\*

International legal advocacy group HRLAF announced that LAWFARE works and that those who doubted HRLAF's leadership have now been silenced.

The Toshakana case was riddled with abuses of process from the get-go. The case was filed out of time by the Election Commission which had issued what was clearly a politically motivated complaint without merit. Hence Mr Khan's arrest was unlawful, and deemed an illegal abduction. Furthermore his detention in what can only be described as inhumane and degrading conditions in a death row cell was an appalling indictment of the Pakistani penal system in their treatment of a former Prime Minister of the nation.

The legal team on the ground, in particular Advocates Gohar Khan, Advocate Khawaja Haaris, Advocate Aitzaz Ehsan and the formidable Advocate Latif Khosa, were praised for their valiant efforts. They deserved nothing less than the Grand Cross of the Order of Pakistan.

This victory has inspired and motivated HRLAF's crack team of International lawyers to double down on their next mission. This is an offensive strategy to identify every perpetrator in the chain of command and to ensure they are brought to justice in a British court, where the rights and suffering of over 25 clients would be fought for in an international court.

HRLAF has only just begun its defensive strategy of Protective Shield by filing numerous complaints on behalf of mainly female victims to the United Nations court as well as its affiliate bodies. The gloves are off, as it is high time to give these thousands of political prisoners a voice on the international stage where these rogue elements acting with impunity can no longer hide from the long arm of the law.

The best way of restoring confidence and hope in the Pakistani legal system is for the most senior judges to perform their constitutional duty by protecting every citizen from the state's contravention of their basic human rights.

Chief Justice Aamir Farooq and Justice Tariq Mahmood Jahangiri presided over the case and their brave stance was commended. It is sincerely hoped that this decision would set a clear precedent for the forthcoming show down in front of the Supreme Court where HRLAF in conjunction with the local Pakistan legal team would pursue immediate relief and the setting aside of all of Mr Khan's spurious charges.

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