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### **PAKISTAN NAVY OBSERVES WORLD OCEANS DAY**

**Karachi, 08 Jun 23:** Pakistan Navy celebrated World Oceans Day to focus the maintenance and development of the oceans and coastal areas. Oceans are very important for mankind as these are major source of sustenance of life on earth and act as lungs to our planet as they provide more than 50% of the oxygen produced on this planet. They are also major absorbers of greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide.

World Oceans Day is observed globally on 8 June to draw focus towards the impact of human activities on the health of our oceans and sustained utilization of ocean's resources. This year's theme for World Oceans Day is 'Planet Oceans: Tides are Changing' which aims to highlight the challenges involved in preserving the health of oceans and measures to maintain an ecological balance.

To signify the importance of preserving the oceans, Pakistan Navy has undertaken various initiatives which include beach cleaning drives, mangroves plantation campaigns, employment of Debris Collection Barges in harbor, banning use of destructive fishing nets, tackling oil pollution at sea and coordinating with industrial community to reduce waste dumping into the sea. A number of events including harbour and beach cleaning at Karachi and Gwadar were held to highlight the spirit of the day and demonstrate seriousness about sustainable use of oceans. An active and forthcoming participation by all stake holders can significantly contribute in preserving the marine ecosystem. Concurrently, National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) also arranged a number of activities including seminar and panel discussions focusing on Ocean Resources and Blue Economy.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in his message of the day, re-affirmed PN resolve and commitment to save our oceans from further degradation and reverse the damage done so far. He highlighted that there is a dire need to review and conform to ways that would help protect and preserve oceans which are the ultimate source of supporting life on our planet.

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NIMA conducts seminar on sustainable resources and Blue Economy on the occasion of World Oceans Day