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**LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF PAKISTAN NAVY'S 1ST HANGOR CLASS
SUBMARINE HELD IN CHINA**

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Launching ceremony of 1st HANGOR Class submarine constructed for Pakistan Navy was held at Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group Company Ltd, Shuangliu Base at Wuhan China. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

While addressing the ceremony Chief of the Naval Staff highlighted the importance of maritime security under prevailing geo strategic environment in the region and commitment of Pakistan Navy to contribute in ensuring safe and conducive maritime environment for all. He added that HANGOR Class submarines with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors will play a pivotal role in maintaining peace and stability in the region. While acknowledging the tireless efforts of China Shipbuilding & Offshore International Company Ltd (CSOC), he expressed satisfaction on the project progress. He also highlighted that HANGOR Class S/M Project will surely add a new dimension to the ever-tested Pak-China friendship.

Government of Pakistan signed a deal with CSOC of China for acquisition of 8 HANGOR Class submarines during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Pakistan. Under the contract, 4 submarines will be built in China whereas other 4 will be constructed in Pakistan at Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Ltd (KS&EW) under Transfer of Technology (ToT). These Submarines will be fitted with State of Art weapons and sensors to engage targets at standoff ranges.

The launching ceremony was attended by high-ranking officials from Pakistan and China including representatives of Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group Company Ltd and China Shipbuilding & Offshore International Company Ltd.

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Chief of The Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf in a group Photo with officials of Pakistan Navy and China Shipyard during Launching ceremony of 1st HANGOR Class Submarine of Pakistan Navy at Shuangliu Base at Wuhan China



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**Contract Signing Ceremony 1st HANGOR Class Submarine for Pakistan Navy
between China & Pakistan at Shuangliu Base at Wuhan China**