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<u>SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE VISITS NAVAL</u> HEADQUARTERS

<u>ISLAMABAD, 11 Oct 21</u>: Members of Senate Standing Committee for Defence, headed by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed visited Naval Headquarters for briefing on role and objectives of Pakistan Navy and discussion on maritime security issues.

During the visit, the Standing Committee was briefed on 'Pakistan Navy — Challenges, Response and PN contributions in Maritime Domain'. Secy Defence Lt General (Retd) Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain was present during the briefing

While interacting with the Committee members, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi dilated upon prevalent security dynamics in Indian Ocean Region and maritime security challenges to Pakistan's National Security. Naval Chief underscored that Pakistan Navy is ensuring safety and security of international waters through collaborative and independent maritime security initiatives. The Admiral highlighted Pakistan Navy's roles and responsibilities related to CPEC in detail. In this domain effective and comprehensive measures have been taken to augment coastal defence and security of sea trade routes including approaches to Gwadar port.

The delegation was also appraised on Pakistan Navy's efforts and contributions towards creating maritime awareness and spur growth of maritime sector for economic prosperity of the country.

Besides operational development plans, the Committee was also briefed on Pakistan Navy's contributions towards nation building and initiatives for socio-economic uplift of Baloch coastal community in health and education sector.

On the occasion, the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Defence, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed expressed satisfaction over PN's operational preparedness and nation building efforts. The Committee assured its full support to PN in future developmental plans for safeguarding the maritime interests of Pakistan.

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Members of Senate Standing Committee on Defence in a group photo with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi during visit to Naval Headquarters, Islamabad