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<u>PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD SHEHBAZ SHARIF VISITS NAVAL</u> HEADQUARTERS

Islamabad,28 Mar 24: Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with Federal Ministers visited Naval Headquarters, Islamabad. Upon arrival Prime Minister was welcomed by Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf and was presented Guard of Honour by a smartly turned out naval contingent. Prime Minister also laid floral wreath at Shuhada monument and afterwards was introduced to the Principal Staff Officers of Naval Headquarters.

During the meeting, matters pertaining to Regional Maritime Security milieu and operational readiness of Pakistan Navy were discussed. Naval Chief apprised the Prime Minister on roles, capabilities and future modernization plans of Pakistan Navy.

Later on a detailed briefing was presented by Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) on the prevailing maritime environment, challenges being faced by Pakistan Navy and response by Pakistan Navy to meet the challenges. The PM was specially apprised about the capability requirements of Pakistan Navy to meet the current and future challenges being faced by the country in maritime domain. The dignitary was also apprised on measures to benefit from economic prospects of maritime sector. The PM appreciated the services of Pakistan Navy to safeguard maritime interest of the country despite limited resources. He specially appreciated the professional response of Pakistan Navy to foil the recent terrorist attack on Naval Airbase Turbat. The Prime Minister stressed that strong economy holds the key to meet all the challenges faced by the country. Towards the end, Prime Minister also visited Command Operations Centre of Pakistan Navy.

The Naval Chief thanked Prime Minister for his visit and reposing his confidence in the Navy. He also assured that Pakistan Navy with the help of Allah SWT will continue to defend the country's sea frontiers & maritime interests and will shoulder the responsibilities with honour both during peace and war.

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Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif being presented salutation on arrival at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad



Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is reviewing Guard of Honour at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad



Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif laying floral wreath at Shuhada Monument at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad



Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif exchanging views with Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad



Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif being briefed during visit to Naval Headquarters, Islamabad



Prime Minister of Pakistan and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf alongwith Government officials in a group photo at Naval Headquarters, Islamabad