

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF
ON THE OCCASION OF DEFENCE DAY
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6th September is a radiant day in our history that rejuvenates our collective memories of unwavering national resolve in the face of brazen act of aggression. On this day in 1965, Pakistani Nation stood shoulder to shoulder with its valiant Armed Forces rendering supreme sacrifices to demonstrate tenacity of purpose against a much larger enemy. It ignites the fire of faith, indomitable courage and invincible spirit of our Shuhadas and Ghazis who displayed unparalleled valour through their acts of heroism.

We salute and pay homage to our Shuhadas and Ghazis who fought fearlessly and sacrificed their lives for preserving the sovereignty of their motherland. Pakistani nation celebrates this day with reverence to acknowledge the resilience of its valiant soldiers, sailors and airmen who defended the ideological and geographical frontiers of their homeland. The daring 'Operation SOMNATH' carried out by Pakistan Navy Ships to destroy Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwarka, on the Gujrat Coast left the enemy bewildered and shell-shocked. The offensive punch of PN demoralized the Indian Navy forcing them into a defensive mould for the rest of the war. The uncontested dominance of lone PN Submarine in the Indian Ocean kept major Indian Navy Ships inside the Bombay Harbour removing them altogether from the battle theater.

Pakistan Navy, in the evolving regional scenario and emerging challenges, is committed to safeguard national maritime interests and ensure impregnable maritime defence of the country. The Navy is successfully implementing maritime strategies to preserve peace and maritime order in the region. PN is also a partner for peace manifested in its conduct of multinational exercises such as Exercise AMAN and Overseas Deployments around the globe sending a message of peaceful co-existence and shared responsibility.

This day being a reflection of grit, sacrifice and national integrity, validates the trust of Pakistani nation on Pakistan Armed Forces. The day reminds us, as a nation, to anchor strong faith in Allah SWT while adhering to Quaid's principles. Today, Officers, Men and Women of Pakistan Navy, reaffirm their pledge to defend maritime frontiers of the country for a secure and prosperous future of our coming generations.

May Allah be our Guide and Protector (Ameen).

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