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PAKISTAN NAVY ASSUMES COMMAND OF MULTINATIONAL COMBINED MARITIME TASK FORCE FOR THE 12TH TIME

Islamabad, 20 Jan 22: Pakistan Navy assumed the Command of Combined Maritime Task Force 150 (CTF-150) for the 12th tenure. During the Change of Command Ceremony held at Headquarter of US Naval Forces Central Command (US NAVCENT) Bahrain, Capt Brendon Clark of Royal New Zealand Navy handed over the Command to Commodore Vaqar Muhammad of Pakistan Navy.

CTF-150 is one of the three Task Forces operating within the ambit of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in Indian Ocean Region. The mission of Task Force is to promote maritime security in order to counter terrorist acts and related illegal activities perpetrated by the terrorists' networks.

Pakistan Navy had the distinction of Commanding CTF-150 eleven times earlier and this being the 12th Command, which is manifestation of the trust reposed in Pakistan Navy by the coalition partners. Over the years, while protecting Pakistan's maritime interests, Pakistan Navy has been actively participating in international coalition operations to ensure peace and maritime security in the region.

While addressing at the ceremony, the incoming Commander Combined Task Force 150 (CCTF-150), Commodore Vaqar Muhammad assured that his team is fully geared up to shoulder this prestigious responsibility to contribute towards Maritime Security and stability in the region. He lauded the outgoing Captain Brendon Clark of Royal New Zealand Navy for their dedicated efforts to achieve the set objectives during his tenure of Command and reaffirmed his resolve to continue with the same spirit.

The change of command ceremony was attended by Ambassador of Pakistan to Bahrain Mr Muhammad Ayub, Ambassador of New Zealand to Bahrain Mr Barney Riley, Commander Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Vice Admiral Charles Bradford Cooper and other distinguished civil and military guests including senior diplomats and representatives of several other navies operating with CMF.

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Pakistan Navy took over Command of Combined Task Force 150 for the 12th time. Change of Command Ceremony of CTF-150 was held at HQs US NAVCENT Bahrain