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Pakistan Navy War Ship SAIF Visits COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)

Islamabad 9, November 17: Pakistan Navy Ship SAIF with embarked ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) helicopter Z9EC visited Port Colombo from 5 - 8 November 2017 for goodwill cum training visit to Sri Lanka. PNS SAIF is front line warship of Pakistan Navy Fleet, fitted with state of the art weapons and sensors and is capable of undertaking all types of maritime operations in multi threat environment.

Upon arrival at Colombo, a warm welcome was given by Sri Lankan Navy (SLN). During stay at port, Captain Shahzad Iqbal, Commanding Officer PNS SAIF called on senior naval officials from Sri Lanka Navy including Commander of Sri Lankan Navy Vice Admiral S S Ranasinghe, Cdr Western Naval Area Command, Rear Admiral Niraja Attygalle, Director General Operations Rear Admiral KKVP De Silva and met other high ranking officials.

During the three days stay at port, PN officers and men visited different Sri Lankan Navy units/ installations/ training facilities. The ship also participated bilateral naval exercises off Colombo with Sri Lankan Navy Ship SLNS SAYURA on completion of port visit.

Sri Lanka and Pakistan enjoy brotherly relations, which have further strengthened over the years. During emergency situation in Sri Lanka in May this year in the aftermath of flash floods and land sliding due to torrential rains, another PN ship PNS ZULFIQUAR was immediately dispatched by the Government of Pakistan for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission. The timely assistance rendered by the ship was highly praised by the Sri Lankan Government and widely acknowledged in their local media.

The visit provided ample opportunity to Pakistan and Sri Lankan Naval officers and men to learn through professional interactions with their counterparts and to enhance interoperability and mutual coordination.

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