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### PAKISTAN NAVY SHIP ZULFIQUAR PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO CARGO DHOW AT SEA

Islamabad, 02 Dec 17: Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR while on Counter Piracy Deployment, patrolling in Gulf of Aden rendered assistance to a stranded dhow/boat of Somalia. During voyage at sea the dhow became non operational due to malfunctioning of her propulsion system. The dhow had been waiting for rescue for many days and was left with no edibles and drinking water. PNS ZULFIQUAR provided required assistance and conducted towing operation for 16 hours in rough sea conditions. Eventually, the dhow was handed over to the Somalian authorities

Besides safeguarding maritime interests of Pakistan, Pakistan Navy has always been at the forefront with international community to conduct Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> rescue operation by Pakistan Navy Ship during last couple of weeks.

