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LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF PNS BADR HELD AT KARACHI

Karachi, 20 May 22: Launching Ceremony of MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR held at Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KS&EW). Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The newly launched corvette is equipped with state of the art weapons & sensors including surface to surface, surface to air missiles and anti-submarine weapons, which would significantly boost Pakistan Navy's defensive and offensive capabilities. Contract for construction of four MILGEM Corvettes for PN was signed between DGMP and M/s ASFAT in 2018; wherein, two ships will be constructed at Istanbul Naval Shipyard (INSY), Turkey and other two ships at KS&EW, Pakistan. In this regard, 1st Ship of the Project, PNS BABUR was launched at Turkey in August 2021.

On the occasion, the honorable Chief Guest expressed it a historic occasion as Ministry of Defence Production, Pakistan Navy, Karachi Shipyard and M/s ASFAT of Turkey had jointly supported construction of this state of the art platform. The Prime Minister appreciated the performance of KS&EW and reiterated that indigenization is at the forefront of our national policy and it is very encouraging to see modern warships being built in Pakistan. The Chief Guest also highlighted that MILGEM Project will enable acquisition of much needed design and construction capability for future needs and export potential.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in his message on the occasion extended felicitation on timely completion of ongoing Pakistan-Turkey MILGEM project despite COVID pandemic. He highlighted that MILGEM project is manifestation of deep rooted historical ties and willingness to share of expertise in the Defence industry between the two brotherly countries.

Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, in his address underscored that Pakistan's geographical position and current geo strategic environment demands building of a strong Navy to defend maritime interests. Our sea trade routes and vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) needs to be effectively safeguarded. The Naval Chief underlined that PN MILGEM Ships will play an important role in catering operational needs of Pakistan Navy. He highlighted that Karachi Shipyard is one of the few public sector organizations that made remarkable turnaround during last decade. Growth of such a heavy engineering and shipbuilding complex, paves way for broadening technological base of the country in maritime domain, which is essentially required for future development of Pakistan.

Earlier MD KS&EW, Rear Admiral Ather Saleem in his welcome note highlighted that Karachi Shipyard is fully cognizant and aligned with goals set forth by Govt and Pakistan Navy for pursuing self-reliance in naval shipbuilding sector. PN MILGEM corvette is a testimony of our commitment to this national cause.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister of National Defence Turkey and other high ranking government officials of Pakistan & Turkey, Pakistan Navy and KS&EW.

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Prime Minister Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Shehbaz Sharif addressing the launching ceremony of MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR indigenously built at KS&EW



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Anjad Khan Niazi addressing the launching ceremony of MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR indigenously built at KS&EW



Prime Minister of Pakistan alongwith Chief of the Naval Staff launching MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR indigenously built at KS&EW



Officials from Pakistan Navy and Turkey signing the Milestone Certificate during the launching ceremony of MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR at KS&EW



Prime Minister of Pakistan along with Chief of the Naval Staff in a group photo with construction team of MILGEM Class Corvette PNS BADR at KS&EW