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PAKISTAN NAVY CONDUCTS ANNUAL EFFICIENCY COMPETITION PARADE – MARKS THE CULMINATION OF ITS OPERATIONAL YEAR

Islamabad, 31 December 2018: Pakistan Navy Fleet Annual Efficiency Competition Parade and award ceremony was held at PN Dockyard, Karachi. Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi, Chief of the Naval Staff graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Upon his arrival, the Chief Guest was received by Rear Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, Commander Pakistan Fleet.

Chief of the Naval Staff in his remarks expressed his satisfaction over operational capabilities of PN Fleet and lauded professionalism of officers and men in successfully achieving operational objectives and completing the assigned tasks. The Naval Chief emphasized upon the three pillars of Pakistan Navy's vision for achieving desired goals which include Combat Readiness, Jump-start the Maritime Sector and Ideological Domain.

Chief of the Naval Staff stressed upon maintaining perpetual vigilance and operational readiness of PN Fleet to safeguard National Maritime Interests. He remarked that initiatives like Regional Maritime Security Patrols (RMSP) are manifestation of PN resolve and commitment to ensure safe and secure Sea Lanes. The Admiral further highlighted that while conducting Security Patrols, PN ships are now engaged in convoy escorting of Merchant Ships in piracy infested areas. He further apprise that, to meet the operational requirement of Pakistan Fleet, contracts with China and Turkey for construction of four type 054A frigates and four Turkish Milgem Class Corvettes have been signed respectively.

Chief of the Naval Staff expressed satisfaction over progress made in operationalization of Gwadar Port and PN obligations for the security of maritime components of CPEC. He reiterated that Pakistan Navy will remain fully prepared to respond any aggression against Pakistan and will remain committed to maintain peace and lawful order at sea in the region and beyond. The Naval Chief also paid homage to PN officers and sailors who scarified their lives during various operations.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Commander Pakistan Fleet presented the operational achievements of PN Fleet and presented the resume of Fleet activities undertaken during the year 2018.

Later the Chief Guest gave away prizes to units adjudged the best in their respective squadrons and interacted with officers and CPOs/ sailors of PN Fleet.

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