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PAKISTAN NAVY OBSERVES WORLD OCEANS DAY

Pakistan Navy celebrated World Oceans Day to focus the maintenance and development of the oceans and coastal areas. Oceans are very important for mankind as these are major source of sustenance of life on earth and act as lungs to our planet as they provide more than 50% of the oxygen produced on this planet. Nearly 15% of animal protein consumed by humans across the globe originates from fishery resources. They are also major absorbers of greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide.

World Oceans Day is observed globally on 8th June to draw focus towards the impact of human activities on the health of our oceans and sustained utilization of ocean's resources. However, this year the activities of the event are conducted 7 Jun around the globe. The theme for World Oceans Day 2024 is "Awaken New Depths which aims to highlight the challenges involved to protect and restore our oceans with renewed understanding, commitment, collaboration and vigour.

To commemorate significance of the day, Pakistan Navy has undertaken a number of events and activities which include beach cleaning, construction of Debris Collection Barges in harbor, mangroves plantation in association with international Union for Conservation of Nature, banning use of destructive fishing nets, tackling oil pollution at sea and coordinating with industrial community to reduce waste dumping into the sea. An active and forthcoming participation by all stake holders can significantly contribute in preserving the marine ecosystem. Concurrently, National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) also arranged a seminar on WOD-24 theme focusing on Ocean Resources and Blue Economy and to promote the essence of the day.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Naveed Ashraf in his message of the day, re-affirmed PN resolve and commitment to save our oceans from further degradation and reverse the damage done so far. He highlighted that there is a dire need to review and conform to ways that would help protect and preserve oceans which are the ultimate source of supporting life on our planet.

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Group photo of speakers during seminar on World Ocean Day organized by NIMA at Bahria University