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### **'PAKISTAN NAVY IS COMMITTED TO PRESERVE CLEAN AIR AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT' SAYS NAVAL CHIEF ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

**Islamabad, 07 Jun 19:** With an aim to accentuate the significance of Clean Air and to promote awareness for protection and preservation of the environment, Pakistan Navy observed World Environment Day with full enthusiasm.

World Environment Day is observed internationally on 05 June every year under the auspices of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The purpose of the day is to bring worldwide focus on importance of clean environment and stimulate attention and actions for its preservation focusing on a specific aspect of environment every year under a certain theme.

The theme selected for this year's World Environment Day is 'Air Pollution' which is a major source of concern for mankind. Air borne pollutants are responsible for about one third of deaths from strokes, chronic respiratory diseases and lungs cancer as well as one quarter of deaths from heart attacks.

Pakistan Navy also observes World Environment Day regularly. To mark importance of the day, numerous activities are arranged by Pakistan Navy to highlight significance of environment and promote awareness amongst public, concerned agencies and departments. The aim of these activities is to come together and explore renewable energy alternatives and application of green technologies to keep our atmosphere clean and to improve the quality of air that we breathe. These activities include Tree Plantation and Beach Cleaning Campaigns, Environment Awareness Walks, Lectures & Seminars on significance of the day and Social Media Campaigns. Such events play a pivotal role in enhancing awareness about importance of environment amongst the general populace.

Chief of the Naval Staff in his message on the day, reaffirmed Pakistan Navy's commitment to ensure a cleaner and safer environment especially against air pollution which directly affects our quality of life. Naval Chief emphasized that our conduct in all walks of life should be in line with the principles for conservation of environment. Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi further reiterated that Pakistan Navy will continue to play its due role in this noble cause.

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Pakistan Navy men planting saplings at PN Dockyard to mark World Environment Day 2019