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KEEL LAYING AND STEEL CUTTING CEREMONY OF TWO PAKISTAN NAVY OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS HELD IN ROMANIA

Islamabad, 13 Oct 22 A combined Keel Laying and Steel Cutting ceremony of first and second Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV-II) being constructed for Pakistan Navy was held at M/s DAMEN Shipyard Galati, Romania. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Owing to the satisfactory performance of 1st Batch of OPVs (PNS YARMOOK & PNS TABUK) in Pakistan Navy; contract for 2nd Batch of OPVs was conducted with M/s DAMEN Shipyard Romania. These vessels are multi-purpose and highly adaptive platforms; equipped with state-of-the-art electronic warfare, anti-ship, anti-air weapons/sensors along with modern self-protection and terminal defence systems.

While addressing the ceremony, Chief of the Naval Staff emphasized the importance of OPVs in the maritime domain. He emphasized that these platforms will act as force multipliers in enhancing PN capability of safeguarding maritime frontiers and would offer flexibility in conduct of Pakistan Navy's initiative of independent Regional Maritime Security Patrols in the Indian Ocean Region. The Chief Guest underscored that Pakistan Navy has been successfully playing its role in providing secure sea environment not only to ourselves but also to the world community. The Admiral appreciated the professionalism of M/s DAMEN Shipyards and cooperation in delivering cutting edge technologies to Pakistan Navy in the form of Offshore Patrol Vessel.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials from Pakistan Navy, M/s DAMEN Shipyards, Romanian Navy and representatives from Local Administration of Galati.

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Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in a group photo with Officials of Pakistan and M/s DAMEN Shipyard on the occasion combined Keel Laying and Steel Cutting ceremony of first and second Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV-II) being constructed for Pakistan Navy at M/s DAMEN Shipyard Galati, Romania



Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi with Officials of Pakistan and M/s DAMEN Shipyard during combined Keel Laying and Steel Cutting ceremony of first and second Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV-II) being constructed for Pakistan Navy at M/s DAMEN Shipyard Galati, Romania



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