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Chief of The Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah called on Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Germany and German Naval Chief (Inspector of German Navy) at Berlin, Germany

ISLAMABAD 7 Aug 17: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah is on an official visit to Germany. During the visit, the Naval Chief called on Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Germany, Vice Admiral Ruehle and German Naval Chief (Inspector of German Navy), Vice Admiral Andreas Krause.

Upon his arrival at Federal Ministry of Defence Germany at Berlin, Admiral was received by German Naval Chief (Inspector of German Navy), Vice Admiral Andreas Krause. A ceremonial Guard with Military Honours was also presented to the Naval Chief on the occasion. Thereafter, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah laid wreath on German Armed Forces Memorial at Federal Ministry of Defence.

Later, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah called on Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Germany, Vice Admiral Ruehle in his office. During the meeting, professional matters of mutual interest and bilateral defence ties were dilated upon. Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Germany highly appreciated the role and contributions of Pakistan in spearheading various initiatives for maintaining peace and stability in the region. Both the dignitaries agreed and looked forward to further enhancing the interaction between Pakistan and Germany in the diverse fields of training, mutual visits and defence collaboration.

During discussions with German Naval Chief various matters of mutual interest including bilateral naval collaboration, Maritime Security and Stability, Coalition Maritime Campaign Plan (CMCP), Counter Piracy Operations, drug trafficking and various avenues to enhance interoperability between Pakistan and German Navy were pondered upon. Naval Chief also highlighted Pakistan's commitment and performance in fight against terrorism in general and Pakistan Navy's efforts for maintaining regional peace and security in particular. Vice Admiral Andreas Krause acknowledged Pakistan Navy's efforts and focused commitments in support of collaborative maritime security in the region and also hoped to extend cooperation between both the Navies in diverse fields of Naval collaboration.

Later during the day, Naval Chief also visited German Navy Ship FGS ERFURT at Warnemunde Naval Base. During his visit onboard, the Naval Chief interacted with German Navy Ship's crew and appreciated their operational competence.

It is expected that the recent visit of the Naval Chief will further enhance and expand defence ties between the two countries in general and Armed Forces in particular.

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