

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PNS ZULFIQUAR VISITS UNITED KINGDOM AND PARTICIPATES IN BILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE WHITE STAR-III**

**Islamabad, 15 Jul 21:** Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR (with embarked helicopter) visited Portsmouth, United Kingdom, as part of Pakistan Navy overseas deployment. Upon arrival at port, the ship was warmly welcomed by officials from Royal Navy, Deputy High Commissioner and Defence & National Advisor of Pakistan at UK.

During stay at port, the Mission Commander Commodore Syed Rizwan Khalid along with Commanding Officer PNS ZULFIQUAR Captain Rao Ahmed Imran Anwar called on Commander Naval Base Portsmouth Cdre J J Bailey. During the interaction, matters of mutual interest were discussed and contribution of Pakistan Navy to regional peace and maritime security were acknowledged. Mission Commander also conveyed well wishes from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi for the people of UK in general and Royal Navy in particular. The Mission Commander also extended his gratitude for whole hearted support provided in making the ship stay comfortable. The High Commissioner of Pakistan to United Kingdom H.E Moazzam Ali Khan also visited onboard PNS ZULFIQUAR and interacted with Mission Commander.

After the port visit, PNS ZULFIQUAR participated in 3rd PN-RN Bilateral Naval Exercise (WHITE STAR-III) with Royal Navy Ship HMS TYNE off Portsmouth. The exercise encompassed advanced Maritime maneuvers including Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) Boarding and Force Protection drills. The exercise was aimed to enhance military cooperation through naval engagement and augment interoperability between the two friendly navies.

The visit of PNS ZULFIQUAR to United Kingdom will further foster navy to navy relations and will go a long way in strengthening diplomatic and military relations, between the two countries.

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**Ambassador of Pakistan to UK being presented salutation onboard Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR at Portsmouth, UK**



**Mission Commander onboard PNS ZULFIQUAR exchanging souvenir with Ambassador of Pakistan to UK**



Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR and Royal Navy Ship HMS TYNE during Exercise White Star III



Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR and Royal Navy Ship HMS TYNE during Exercise White Star III



**Group photo of Pakistan and Royal Navy Special Ops team onboard Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR during Exercise White Star III**