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KEEL LAYING CEREMONY OF MILGEM CLASS CORVETTE HELD AT KARACHI

Karachi, 05 Nov 21: Keel Laying Ceremony of MILGEM Class Corvette for Pakistan Navy was held at Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KS&EW). Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

While addressing the ceremony, the honourable Chief Guest expressed that it is a matter of pride to witness the Keel laying of MILGEM Corvette in Karachi Shipyard being constructed in collaboration with M/s ASFAT of Turkey. The Admiral highlighted that it is a historic occasion as Ministry of Defence Production, Pakistan Navy, Karachi Shipyard and M/s ASFAT of Turkey have joined hands for construction of two Corvettes in Pakistan while another two are under construction at Turkey. Naval Chief appreciated the performance of KS&EW and mentioned that indigenization is at the forefront of our policy and it is convincing to see state of the art warship being built in Pakistan.

Construction of corvettes in Pakistan is aimed to provide impetus to local ship building industry and to further enhance KS&EW capabilities. These ships are being constructed as per modern naval ship class standards and will be equipped with state of the art weapons & sensors including surface to surface, surface to air missiles and anti-submarine weapons. The addition of these ships would significantly add to lethality and operational capability of Pakistan Navy.

Earlier, the MD KS&EW Rear Admiral Ather Saleem presented performance of KS&EW and highlighted that the shipyard is fully cognizant and aligned with the goals set forth by Government and Pakistan Navy for self-reliance in Defence Shipbuilding Industry. He emphasized that deep rooted friendship with brotherly country Turkey for this mega project will open new vistas of further cooperation in the field of indigenous warship construction and other defence sectors in Pakistan. MD KS&EW also highlighted current production activities of KS&EW that include constructions for both inland and abroad projects.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of M/s ASFAT and other high ranking officials from GoP, Pakistan Navy, KS&EW and business community.

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Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi witnesses signing of Milestone Certificate for 4th MILGEM Class Corvette being built for Pakistan Navy at KS&EW in collaboration with Turkey



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in a group photo with officials of Pakistan Nav and Turkey during Keel Laying Ceremony of 4th MILGEM Class Corvette at KS&EW



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi addressing the audience during Keel Laying Ceremony of 4th MILGEM Class Corvette being built for Pakistan Navy at Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi along with Turkish officials laying Keel of 4th MILGEM Class Corvette being built for Pakistan Navy at KS&EW