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NAVAL CHIEF CONFERRED CRICKETER FAKHAR ZAMAN HONOURARY RANK OF LIEUTENANT IN PAKISTAN NAVY

Islamabad, 28 Dec 20: In order to honour the achievements in cricket arena and association with Pakistan Navy, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi conferred renowned cricketer Fakhar Zaman the rank of Honorary Lieutenant in Pakistan Navy. A special epaulette award ceremony was held at Naval Headquarters to mark the event.

Fakhar Zaman is an Ex-Pakistan Navy Serviceman. He joined Pakistan Navy in 2007 as sailor in Operations Branch. During early years in Service, his excellent cricket talent was spotted and he represented Pakistan Navy in many tournaments. His performance in the game remained exceptional and he earned numerous laurels for Pakistan Navy. His International debut in cricket was in 2012 while he was serving in Pakistan Navy. He participated in International Defence Cricket Challenge Cup 2012 held at Australia and was declared Best Player of the tournament. His cricketing skills were recognized and he was rewarded with Sanad-e-Tahseen by Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC).

Pakistan Navy observed profound cricket skills and extraordinary talent of Fakhar Zaman and graciously provided him the opportunity to continue his career in Cricket and join Pakistan National Cricket squad. During the course of time, his major achievements in cricket field include match winning century against India in final of ICC Champions Trophy in 2017, in which he was declared as "Man of the Match". Besides, he had scored 1000 fastest runs in just 18 ODIs matches in year 2018. He became first Pakistani to score double century in One-day International Match and had record opening partnership of 304 runs during 2018. Fakhar Zaman made the World record by scoring 512 runs in five consecutive ODI series. In National T-20 Tournament 2020, he was declared Best Player & Batsman.

Earlier, Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in his address congratulated Honorary Lieutenant Fakhar Zaman for his remarkable achievements for Pakistan in the field of cricket. He underscored that Pakistan Navy has been supporting various sports including Squash, Sailing, hockey, football etc and has produced number of professional players that represented Pakistan and earned laurels for the country. He highlighted that Pakistan Navy will continue patronage the sports culture at both national and international level.

The epaulette award ceremony was attended by Civil, Military and dignitaries from PCB. Beside Ex Cricket Players and family members of Fakhar Zaman.

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Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi conferred Honourary rank of Lieutenant to renowned cricketer Fakhar Zaman at Naval Headquarters Islamabad