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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF ADMIRAL NAVEED ASHRAF ON THE OCCASION OF 53RD HANGOR DAY

On this day, 53 years ago, PN Submarine HANGOR created history by sinking INS KHUKRI and crippling INS KIRPAN, first successful engagement of warship by a Submarine, post WW-II, and the only such engagement by a conventional submarine. We cannot forget this day and neither can the enemy. This incident was not only part of a tactical battle, executed perfectly, but also a strategic demonstration of Pakistan Navy's resolve to repulse enemy aggression and defend our maritime frontiers, notwithstanding numerical asymmetry.

The day reminds us of the courage, tenacity and grit of the HANGOR crew. What HANGOR achieved for Pakistan Navy is a testimony to Allah SWT's blessing and a true measure of the professionalism, dedication and selfless devotion of our veteran submariners and the inspirational role they played in establishing historic legacies of our Submarine Service. Through professional excellence and dedication, we can fight against all odds, and continue to enrich our proud heritage.

Pakistan Navy has always laid special emphasis on its Submarine Force and the ongoing submarine project in collaboration with China, bears testimony to this fact. Addition of 8 x HANGOR class submarines will boost combat capabilities of Pakistan Navy and bolster its offensive punch. At this moment, while reminiscing our triumph, let us not forget Shuhada of PNS/M GHAZI who laid their lives in the defence of the motherland in 1971. I firmly believe that Submarine Squadron will continue to draw inspiration from their sacrifices, as well as the exemplary feat of legendary PNS/M HANGOR.

I wish Submarine Service all the success in its future endeavours.

May Allah SWT be our Protector and Benefactor (Amen).

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