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### **PAKISTAN NEEDS TO ACCORD GREATER ATTENTION TO MARITIME SECTOR - PRIME MINISTER**

**Lahore, 06 Dec 24:** The seventh edition of Pakistan Navy's Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-7) concluded at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore. The Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister emphasized the need for Pakistan to accord greater attention to maritime sector and recognize the value of oceans, which have become critically important in the 21st century. He noted that Pakistan's resource-rich maritime area holds immense potential, particularly in the context of global shift from geo-politics to geo-economics. Highlighting the potential of national maritime sector, the Prime Minister underscored the importance of expanding the capacity of shipping and fishing industries to drive economic and socio-economic development. He commended Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Navy War College for their efforts in raising awareness about the importance of maritime domain and its vital link to national security.

Earlier, the Chief Guest was received by Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, upon his arrival at PN War College. In his welcome address, Commandant Pakistan Navy War College, Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood, provided an overview of workshop's activities. Later, a panel of participants presented a paper containing recommendations for a National Maritime Policy. The panel analyzed the maritime environment, highlighting its impact on national security and economic prosperity, and proposed measures to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities.

The Maritime Security Workshop is an annual event organized by Pakistan Navy to enhance understanding of maritime security dynamics, create awareness about Blue Economy, and explore Pakistan's untapped maritime potential. Participants included parliamentarians, policymakers, bureaucrats, academics, entrepreneurs, Armed Forces officers, and media representatives.

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Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a group photo with participants of 7th Maritime Security Workshop held at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore



Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addressing the closing ceremony of 7th Maritime Security Workshop held at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore



A panel from participants of 7th Maritime Security Workshop presenting recommendations for development of National Maritime Sector at closing ceremony of the workshop held at Lahore