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**REAR ADMIRAL JAVAID IQBAL ASSUMED COMMAND AS COMMANDER
COAST**

Karachi, 08 Nov 21: Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal assumed command as Commander Coast (COMCOAST) during Change of Command ceremony held at Karachi. Vice Admiral Zahid Ilyas handed over command to the newly appointed Commander Coast. Upon assumption of Command, Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal is now Commander of all Coastal units of Pakistan Navy.

Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal was commissioned in Operations Branch of Pakistan Navy in 1990. During his distinguished career, he has served on various Command and Staff appointments. His important Command appointments include Commanding Officer of Sea King Helicopter Squadron and Naval Aviation Base PNS MEHRAN. His Staff appointments include, Captain Training (Aviation) at HQ FOST, Director Naval Operation Plans, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Plans), Principal Secretary to Chief of the Naval Staff (PSC) and Naval Secretary at Naval Headquarters. The officer has also served as Director General Defence Purchase at Ministry of Defence Production and Naval & Air Adviser at High Commission of Pakistan at New Delhi, India. Previously, he was serving as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) at Naval Headquarters.

The Admiral is a graduate of Pakistan Navy War College Lahore, National Defence University Islamabad and Naval Staff College USA. The Admiral has been awarded Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military) by Government of Pakistan in recognition of his meritorious services.

During Change of Command ceremony, the Admiral was presented Guard of Honour and introduced to the Commandants/ Commanding Officers of units under Command. The ceremony was attended by Pakistan Navy officers, CPOs/ Sailors and Navy Civilians.

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Vice Admiral Zahid Ilyas handing over Command to incoming Commander Coast Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal during Change of Command Ceremony held at Karachi



Smartly turned out guard presenting General Salute to incoming Commander Coast Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal during Change of Command Ceremony at Karachi



Newly appointed Commander Coast Rear Admiral Javaid Iqbal reviews Guard of Honour during Change of Command Ceremony at Karachi