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PAKISTAN NAVY CELEBRATES DEFENCE AND MARTYRS DAY 2024

Islamabad, 06 Sept 24: Pakistan Navy observed Defence and Martyrs Day to commemorate supreme sacrifices of our Armed Forces, Shuhada, Ghazis and national heroes who stood against the enemy with unparalleled display of unity and tenacity during 1965 Indo-Pak War.

In his message on the occasion, Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf paid homage to the Shuhada and Ghazis who repulsed blatant aggression of enemy and foiled its nefarious designs with support of our people. The day displays the spirit of unity and sacrifice in the defence of our motherland and glorifies the courageous heroes who were meticulous in their planning, undaunted in their action and instilled fear in the hearts of our enemy. The Admiral reiterated that as we commemorate this venerated occasion to honour the feats and sacrifices of our brave sentinels of sea, our Navy stands vigilant and unfaltering in its commitment to defend maritime borders and secure our vital sea routes which are the lifeline of our economy.

The day dawned with special prayers offered in all naval mosques for preservation of integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan. Quran Khawanis were held for Shuhada of the 1965 war. Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami laid floral wreath at Shuhada's Monument at Naval Headquarters Islamabad, offered Fateha and interacted with the families of Shuhada. Wreath laying ceremonies and Fateha Khawani were also held at Shuhada's memorials at Field Command Headquarters.

Flag hoisting ceremonies were held at all naval units and establishments wherein Commanding Officers addressed special gatherings of officers and men and highlighted the significance of the day. All ships and establishments were decorated and illuminated in accordance with naval traditions.

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Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Ovais A Bilgrami paying tribute at Shuhada monument on Defence and Martyrs day at Naval Headquarters Islamabad



Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Ovais A Bilgrami laid floral wreath at Shuhada Monument on Defence and martyrs day at Naval Headquarters Islamabad



Commander Central Punjab Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood offering Fateha on Defence and Martyrs day at Shuhada Monument, PN War College Lahore



Rear Admiral Mazhar Mahmood Malik offering Fateha at Shuhada Monument to mark Defence and Martyrs Day at Pakistan Navy Dockyard, Karachi



Defence and Martyrs Day ceremony held onboard Pakistan Navy Ship at PN Dockyard, Karachi



Commander Naval Aviation Commodore Saleem Nasir offering Fateha at Shuhada Monument to mark defence and Martyrs Day at Naval Air Base, Mehran



Commander Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi Laying floral wreath at Shuhada Monument to mark Defence and Martyrs Day at Pakistan Navy Dockyard, Karachi



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