

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PAKISTAN NAVY INDUCTS PNS TUGHRIL AND SEAKING HELICOPTERS IN PN FLEET**

**Karachi, 24 Jan 22:** The Induction ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL, first of four Type 054-A/P, multi role frigates and 10 x Seaking helicopters was held at PN Dockyard, Karachi. Honourable President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Upon arrival, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi received the Chief Guest while a smartly turned out contingent of Pakistan Navy presented him Guard of Honour.

The contract for four multi-role frigates (Type 054-A/P) for Pakistan Navy was signed between Pakistan and China in June 2018. PNS TUGHRIL, the lead ship of Type 054-A/P has been inducted into PN fleet alongwith Seaking helicopters gifted by the state of Qatar.

During the welcome address, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi underlined that induction of PNS TUGHRIL and Seaking helicopters would further augment PN combat capabilities in safeguarding territorial integrity and maritime interests of Pakistan. The Naval Chief also elaborated the role of Pakistan Navy in promoting peace and stability in the region through various maritime initiatives.

The Chief Guest commended the induction of state of the art ship PNS TUGHRIL and Seaking Helicopters in PN Fleet. He expressed satisfaction and confidence that potent and highly capable Pakistan Navy Fleet and its air arm will continue promoting peace and stability in line with Government's policy while devotedly guarding our maritime frontiers. The President of Pakistan stressed the need of well equipped Fleet with surface, air and sub-surface platforms to safeguard sea frontiers under the challenging security environment. The Chief Guest underscored that Pakistan is a land of peace and urges security and stability in the region.

During his address, honourable President congratulated all those involved in the Frigate and Seaking Helicopter Projects. Chief Guest emphasized that such projects are manifestation of the trust and mutual cooperation that exists with our time tested friends.

Later, the Chief Guest handed over traditional Ship's scroll and aircraft documents to Commander Pakistan Fleet followed by prayers from Almighty.

The ceremony was attended by worthy guests from Embassies of China & Qatar, Governor Sindh and serving/ retired officers of Tri-services.

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President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi in a group photo with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi and Officers of Sea King Squadron at the Induction Ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL and Sea King Helicopters held at PN Dockyard, Karachi



President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi in a group photo with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi and Ship Crew at the Induction Ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL and Sea King Helicopters held at PN Dockyard, Karachi



President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi handing over Ship's Scroll to Commander Pakistan Fleet at the Induction Ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL and Sea King Helicopters held at PN Dockyard, Karachi



President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi addressing the audience at the Induction Ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL and Sea King Helicopters held at PN Dockyard, Karachi



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi addressing the audience at the Induction Ceremony of PNS TUGHRIL and Sea King Helicopters held at PN Dockyard, Karachi