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PAKISTAN NAVY SHIP ZULFIQUAR VISIT TO SAINT PETERSBURG RUSSIA; REAFFIRMING GROWING PN-RFN COLLABORATION; FOSTERING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

Islamabad, 28 Jul 21: Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR returns to operational deployment after successful visit of Saint Petersburg Russia participated in 325th Russian Navy Day Parade.

During the ship stay at Saint Petersburg, Mission Commander and Commanding Officer PNS ZULFIQUAR called on Commander Leningrad Naval Base Capt Saloshin Andrev and Deputy Governor External Relations Mr Evgeny D Grigoriev at St Petersburg. During the meetings, matters of mutual interest were discussed. The dignitaries expressed enormous goodwill and warmth for Pakistan Navy and thanked for its participation in Russian Navy Day Parade. The Mission Commander conveyed well wishes from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi for the people of Russia in general and Russian Federation Navy in particular. Mission Commander also extended his gratitude for whole hearted support provided by RFN in making ship's stay comfortable.

Later, Mission Commander and Commanding Officer also attended wreath laying ceremony at Piskaryevskoe Cemetery. In addition, a ceremony and Press briefing were hosted onboard PNS ZULFIQUAR to acknowledge Russian Navy Day. Large number of Russian Govt officials, diplomatic core and Russian Federation Navy officers attended the event.

PNS ZULFIQUAR's port visit and participation in Russian Naval Parade to commemorate 325th Russian Navy Day is a reaffirmation of growing Pakistan Navy and Russian Federation Navy collaboration and to further foster friendly relations between Pakistan Navy and Russian Federation Navy.

Pakistan Navy Ship also conducted bilateral Exercise ARABIAN MONSOON with Russian Federation Ship ODINTSOVO on return passage.

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Mission Commander PN Flotilla in a group photo with Russian Federation Navy officials during Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR's visit to port St Petersburg, Russia



Mission Commander PN Flotilla and Commanding Officer laying wreath at Piskaryevskoe Cemetery during Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR's visit to Russia



Russian Federation Navy Officials being briefed onboard PNS ZULFIQUAR during visit to port St Petersburg, Russia



Pakistan Navy Ship ZULFIQUAR during Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Russian Federation Navy