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Honorary Lieutenant on renowned cricketer Fakhar Zaman

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USPA NEWS - Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi has conferred the rank of Honorary Lieutenant on renowned cricketer Fakhr Zaman Kopak on the basis of his outstanding performance in the field of cricket and his affiliation with the Pakistan Navy. In this regard, a special function was held at the Naval Headquarters.

Fakhr Zaman is a former Pakistan Navy serviceman. He joined the Pakistan Navy's Operations Branch in 2007 as a Sailor. Early in his service, his dedication to cricket and his invaluable talent were appreciated. Fakhruzzaman represented Pakistan Navy in many competitions and won many awards for Pakistan Navy. Fakhruzzaman also played his first international match from the Pakistan Navy platform in 2012 and was named the best player of the tournament at the International Defense Cricket Challenge Cup 2012 in Australia.

He was also given a certificate of appreciation by the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee on the basis of his high performance. Given the extraordinary talent and commitment to cricket in Fakhr-e-Zaman, the Pakistan Navy gave him the opportunity to pursue his career in cricket and be part of the Pakistan national cricket team. One of the major achievements of his cricket career is scoring a century against India in the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy, in which he was named Man of the Match.

He also scored the fastest 1000 runs in just 18 matches in 2018. In 2018, he became the first Pakistani to score a double century in an ODI match and set a record of scoring an opening partnership of 304 runs.

Fakhruzzaman set a world record by scoring 512 runs in five consecutive ODI series. He was also named the best player and batsman in the national 20-T tournament.

Earlier, addressing the function, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi congratulated the honorary lieutenant Fakhruzzaman on receiving the awards for Pakistan cricket. He said that Pakistan Navy has been assisting in the promotion of various sports including squash, sailing, hockey, football and has produced many players who have won awards for Pakistan.

He further said that Pakistan Navy will continue to play its role in the promotion of sports at national and international level. Military and civilian officials, PCB officials, former cricketers and Fakhruzzaman's family attended the ceremony.

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