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Pakistan Navy Submarine (PNS/M) HANGOR during 1971 war destroyed/ sank Indian Navy Ship (INS) KHUKRI and severely damaged INS KIRPAN on 09 Dec 1971. Every year Pakistan Navy celebrates the occasion on 09 Dec as HANGOR Day to pay tribute to the Submarine crew for their heroic action. In order to celebrate 50th / Golden Jubilee of HANGOR Day, 09 Dec 21 is being celebrated with full enthusiasm in line with the finest traditions of Pakistan Navy.

Pakistan Navy Submarine HANGOR was the first of 4 x Daphne type submarines acquired by Pakistan Navy from France. The submarine was commissioned on 01 December 1969 and arrived in Pakistan on December 1970. Since its induction in Pakistan Navy, submarine HANGOR remained an efficient unit of submarine squadron and Navy.

Submarine HANGOR remained pride for Pakistan Navy in 1971 Indo-Pak war and its gallant action was a spectacular tactical battle resulting in sinking of Indian Navy Frigate KHUKRI and crippling of INS KIRPAN. It was a strategic overture of Pakistan Navy which effectively thwarted and marginalized the Indian aggression.

Sinking of KHUKRI crippled Indian Navy's morale and it nefarious designs of subsequent attacks on Karachi. This outstanding action took place 30 miles south east of 'Diu Head' on west coast of India. The event is distinguished in Naval history for being the first successful kill by a conventional submarine after World War-II. Due to the professional competence and outstanding leadership of Commanding Officer, enemy was not able to detect the submarine HANGOR. Submarine remained underwater for a long time and successfully returned Karachi harbor on 13 December 1971 after mortifying Indian pride. Despite potential hazards, the morale onboard HANGOR never wilted.

In recognition of courage & valour displayed by the valiant crew of HANGOR, four Sitara-e-Jurrat, six Tamgha-e-Jurrat and fourteen Imtiazi Asnaad were conferred upon them. This is the highest number of operational gallantry awards given to a single unit of Pakistan Navy. In order to pay tribute to professional crew of HANGOR and their victorious & daring action, 9th December is celebrated as HANGOR Day each year in Pakistan Navy with zeal and fervor. On 02 Jan 2006, PNS/M HANGOR was converted to serve as a museum ship at Pakistan Maritime as a symbol of courage and victory.

On Golden Jubilee of HANGOR Day, Pakistan Post is issuing the Commemorative Postage Stamp of Rs 20/- denomination on December 9, 2021.

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