

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
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**ISLAMABAD; NOVEMBER 30, 2018:** President Dr. Arif Alvi conferred Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military) upon Rear Admiral (PILOT) Saeed Bin Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Nehyan Commander, UAE Naval Forces in a special Investiture ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Monday. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi and senior officials were also present in the ceremony.

Later on, Rear Admiral (PILOT) Saeed Bin Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Nehyan Commander, UAE Naval Forces also called on President Dr. Arif Alvi. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Pakistan and UAE have longstanding strategic and close political relations. He added that both countries maintain similarities of views on all important regional and international issues. The President emphasized that a lot of scope exists between the two Armed Forces for enhancement of existing cooperation, including Joint Exercises, enhancement of defence export and Joint Production. Talking about the training of UAE Military persons in Pakistan Armed Forces Training Institutions he added that more Naval Officers of UAE can avail of these opportunities.

The President underlined that bilateral trade with both countries does not commensurate with its actual potential. He stressed that efforts must be made to further enhance bilateral trade. He underscored that businessmen from UAE can benefit from vast opportunities of investment in Pakistan in various sectors, especially tourism.

Rear Admiral (PILOT) Saeed Bin Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Nehyan Commander, UAE Naval Forces thanked the President and the Government of Pakistan on being awarded with HI (M) and hoped that bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries would further grow in future.

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