

Pakistan Navy Exercises 1949-1972

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The following material is from an official history of the Pakistan Navy. It includes the major Pakistan Navy operation during 1965 War.

Exercise October 1949

Jhelum, Zulfiqar, Baluchistan, Peshawar, Bahawalpur, HDML 1262
+Units from PAF and PA (the latter for a landing at Clifton)
+RN ships HMS Mauritius

Exercise 30 January 1950 -23 February 1951

Combined exercises in Jarvis bay with Australian and New Zealand navies.

(Sindh, Shamsheer)

Exercises March-April 1951

Force 91 (Jhelum, Tippusultan and Tariq)

Jet One comprised of a night shadowing encounter with two RN Frigates HMS Loch Quich and Wren.

Exercises continued for 14 days.

Exercise October 1951

Tippu Sultan, Tughril, Tariq, Jhelum, Sindh, Dacca, Baluchistan, Bahawalpur, Himalaya, Qasim.

Earlier delayed due to Liaquat Ali's assassination.

RPN And RPAF bombardment of Churna islands.

Day/Night Full calibre shots, firing of depth charges, close range AA shoots, night encounters, convoy escorts.

Exercises 5-November 1951

3rd/8th Punjab regiments and landed in Clifton Beach in Naval Craft.

Exercise November 1951

All available ships of RPN. East Indies squadron of HMS Mauritius and the frigate HMS Loch Quoich.

Heavy bombardment of Churna Islands by ships and RPAF. During the exercise a Polish pilot of the RPAF taken on loan dropped a 500 pound bomb between two columns of ships narrowly missing them.

Exercise “CREE” August 1954

All PN Destroyers. High speed maneuvers at 22 knots. After exercises the destroyers visited Istanbul, Beirut, Latakia, Alexandria and Port Said.

Operation Closed Door 1958

Pakistan Army + Navy

Operation carried out against smugglers operating in East Pakistan and using rivers.
4 SDMLs and 6 LCVPs.

One renowned smuggler apprehended and this led to uncovering of several smuggling operations.

Exercise “Crescent” November 1957

Multi national exercise held off Karachi.

Units from Iran Turkey UK USA and Pakistan. (Babur, Khaiber, Jhelum, Tariq, Taimur, Badr, Mahmood, Mujahid, Muhafiz, Mubarak, Peshawar.

+PAF (2 F-86 sqs and 4 Bristol Freighters of the maritime flight.

8 September 1958 Transfer of Gwadar

Sultan of Muscat returned Gwadar as had been negotiated for since partition. Transfer scheduled on 8 September 1958.

The operation was under the command of admiral Chowdry.

Operation Number DN 1100 5 September 1958. PNS Babur to act as radio link with Karachi and provide military support if required through the three platoons she had embarked. She anchored of gwadar and maintained a comms link with a comms party at Gwadar. Primary Freq:2530 KC/s
Secondary Freq:3540 KC/s

Early 1960s

PN provided forces in West Irian ops in Indonesia in early 60s.

Operation Dwarka 1965

Babur, Khaiber, Badr, Jehangir, Alamgir, Shahjahan and Tippu Sultan.

Deployed 293 degrees 12 miles from Dwarka lighthouse, bombardment to be carried out at night with 50 rounds per ship. Aims are to draw units out of Bombay for submarine Ghazi to attack, divert air effort from the north, and destroy the radar installation at Dwarka and to lower Indian morale.

Expected opposition: 1 or 2 enemy frigates and IAF.

After bombardment forces were to withdraw by 0800 30 sep and return to patrol arc at full speed. During the bombardment, a coastal battery opened up intermittent fire and an aircraft flew overhead the task force. During the course of ops the IN frigate "Talwar" was present at Okha harbor but did not intercept the frigates.

Operation 1965

Escort Bagh-e-Karachi.

Babur Kahiber and Jahangir. Ships were to rendezvous at Aden at be refueled mid course by Dacca.

Exercise November Handicap (Post 1965)

Move ships away from Karachi due to political unrest.

SMASHEX

For new Daphne submarines including sub rescue procedures.

Post 1972

First test of ASM missile on 18 March 1979 when an ASV Seaking launched an AM-39 Exocet missile at ex MSC Munsif.

First test of SSM when Hegu class boat PNS Shujaat fired an SY-1 at ex PNS Jahangir.