

**INDUS RIVER SYSTEM AUTHORITY (IRSA)**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

**IRSA HQs, Islamabad,**  
**Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2024**

Mr. Abdul Hameed Mengal, Chairman IRSA bestowed Appreciation Certificates, along with Cash Awards, to four WAPDA officers of Chashma Barrage Project, namely, Mr. Fakhar-i-Jahan, Chief Engineer & Project Director, Ch. Muhammad Luqman XEN Barrage, Mr. Azhar Iqbal Kundi and Mr. Muhammad Hamid Shaikh AXENs Barrage, at 11 am on 03.09.2024 at IRSA HQs, Islamabad. The auspicious ceremony was attended by IRSA Members and Secretary IRSA.

2. Chairman IRSA while presenting the Appreciation Certificates to the WAPDA officers commended the outstanding performance and matchless acumen exhibited in terms of flood water routing and sedimentation evacuation by the WAPDA Team, under round-the-clock, supervision of the Chief Engineer. He said that the WAPDA Team's persistent efforts spanning 2020-2024 have certainly resulted in the clearance of silt / sediment deposited / piled-up in the reservoir area upstream of Chashma Barrage by carrying out efficient operation and flood routing through the barrage. He added that as Chashma Barrage is the main indenting point for the provincial stakeholders, the silt clearance would definitely enhance the live storage of the barrage, which resultantly would provide enhanced capacity to re-regulate inflows and to manage the provincial indents. He informed that the sediment flushing operation of the barrage spanning 18 days, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 was able to flush-out an accumulative sediment volume of 3007.55 Acre Feet (3.710 Million m<sup>3</sup>), which saved the Government Exchequer a significant amount of Rs. 712.80 Million.

3. At the end of the ceremony, Chief Engineer & PD Chashma Barrage WAPDA earnestly thanked the Authority, on behalf of his team, for granting the prestigious certificates and cash awards and recognizing their Team's dedicated and planned efforts in removing the huge quantity of sediment from Chashma Reservoir. He appreciated the necessary facilitation and support extended by IRSA during Chashma Barrage's flushing operation during flood season 2024.

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