

## FINCANTIERI LAUNCHES THE SECOND CORVETTE FOR QATAR

### *The keel laying of the fourth unit of the class also took place*

**Trieste, February 13, 2021** – The technical launch of the corvette “Damsah” and the keel laying of “Sumaysimah”, respectively the second and fourth of the Al Zubarah Class Corvette ordered to Fincantieri by the Qatari Ministry of Defence within the national naval acquisition program with deliveries respectively in 2022 and 2023, took place today at the Muggiano (La Spezia) shipyard.

The ceremony, held in a restricted format and in full compliance with anti-contagion requirements, was attended by Major General Mubarak Mohammed A.K. Al-Khayarin, Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration and Logistics Affairs for Qatar Armed Forces, Rear Admiral Giorgio Lazio, Italian Navy Maritime Commander – Area North, and Giuseppe Giordo, General Manager of the Naval Vessel Division of Fincantieri.

The units, designed consistent with the RINAMIL rules, will be highly flexible and capable of fulfilling different kinds of tasks, from surveillance with sea rescue capacities to being fighting vessels. They will be about 107 meters long, 14.70 meters wide, and equipped with a combined diesel and diesel plant (CODAD), with a maximum speed of 28 knots. The units will be able to accommodate 112 persons on board.

Furthermore, the corvettes will be capable of operating high-speed boats such as RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat) through lateral cranes or a hauling ramp located at the far stern. The flight deck and hangar are sized for hosting one NH90 helicopter.

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