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ADMIRAL OSCAR STANLEY DAWSON, FORMER NAVY CHIEF PASSES AWAY



**Admiral Oscar Stanley Dawson
as Chief of the Naval Staff**



Admiral Dawson as High Commissioner to New Zealand

Admiral Oscar Stanley Dawson, 87, Chief of Naval Staff of Indian Navy from March 1982 to November 1984, passed away at Command Hospital Bangalore on the morning of 23 Oct 11. Commissioned in the Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve on 7 January 1943, the Admiral had participated in the Second World War in the Arakan Operations (Burma), on convoy escort duty in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea and in the minesweeping operations soon after the war. He served as the Naval Aide-de-Camp to the first President of India, the late Dr. Rajendra Prasad during 1953-54.

It was during Admiral Dawson's tenure as the Flag Officer Commanding in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, at Kochi from March 1979 to February 1982, that the site for the future Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala was identified. The Admiral was Director of Naval Operations during the Indo-Pakistan conflict in 1971, for which he was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.

During the latter half of his tenure as Navy Chief, Admiral Dawson was also Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC). He retired from the Navy on 30 November 1984, after more than 41 years of glorious naval service.

After retirement he was appointed as the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand in August 1985 and returned to Bangalore in September 1987, on completion of his tenure there. As the General Manager, Goa Shipyard Limited, he introduced a Corporate Development Plan for the shipyard and also brought about progressive management practices which improved the relationship between the workers and the management.

Vice Admiral KN Sushil, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief while paying tributes to the late Navy Chief said that Admiral Dawson was an inspiring military leader and visionary Navy Chief. He recalled that it was Admiral Dawson who conceived the daring attack of Karachi harbour by Indian Naval missile boats during the 1971 War. The funeral is scheduled to take place with full military honours at the St Johns Church Bangalore on 25 Oct 11.



Admiral OS Dawson as Commanding Officer INS Talwar (Old) in the rank of Commander



Admiral (Retd.) OS Dawson while paying tribute to martyrs of Kargil war at Bangalore