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PAF INTERNATIONAL AIR EXERCISE INDUS VIPER-II CONCLUDES

ISLAMABAD 17 MARCH, 2013:- International Air Exercise Indus Viper-II conducted between PAF and Turkish Air Force (TuAF) concluded at an operational Air Base of Pakistan Air Force today. Maj Gen Ares Mehmat, Chief of Operations, TuAF was the chief guest at the culmination ceremony. Air Marshal Waseem ud Din, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Operations), PAF and HE Mr M Babur Hizlan, the Ambassador of Turkey, were also present at the occasion.

The Turkish Air Force contingent comprising 05 F-16s C&D (Fighting Falcons), combat Pilots and ground technical crew participated in the Air Exercise, conducted from 04 to 16 March, 2013. Pakistan Air Force emphasizes on the combat training of its air and ground crew and regularly undertakes Air Exercises with Allied Air Forces. These Exercises not only play a vital role in honing the combat skills of PAF Air Crew but also enable them to learn the latest Air Power employment strategies in complex theaters of warfare.

The prime objective of the exercise is to excel in the air combat capability with focus on Air Power employment in any future conflict. Pakistan Air Force conducts such exercises on regular intervals both inland and abroad. Air Exercise Indus Viper II provided an opportunity to combat crew of both the Air Forces to acquaint themselves with applied tactics of air power in near real scenario.

Pakistan Air Force has been participating in number of International Air Exercises with some of the best Air Forces of the world, including United States Air Force (USAF), Italian Air Force, Turkish Air Force (TuAF) and Air Forces of other allied countries. Exercise Anatolian Eagle is conducted on alternate year. Similarly, Exercises Red Flag and Green Flag are conducted between PAF and USAF on alternate years. Last year, PAF conducted the operational exercise Shaheen-I with PLA Air Force.

The brotherly countries Pakistan and Turkey have a long history of military cooperation. To enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces, PAF and TuAF (Turkish Air Force), have been successfully conducting joint exercises for many decades. Exercise Indus Viper-II was also planned in the same backdrop and is the second Air Exercise in this category.