

## **AIR CHIEF VISITS INTERNATIONAL AIR EXERCISE PEACE FALCONS-2013**

**TAIF 23 MAY, 2013:** Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, visited International Air Exercise Peace Falcons-2013. On his arrival he was presented with the Guard of Honour. The Air Chief was given a comprehensive briefing on the exercise. Lt. General Mohammed Fayadh bin Hamid al-Ruwaili, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) and Commander Turkish Air Force (TuAF), General Mehmet ERTEN also witnessed the exercise.

To benefit from the expertise and professionalism of each other, the Tri Nation International Air Exercise Peace Falcons-2013 among RSAF, TuAF and PAF was held at King Fahd Air Base, Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 06 to 22 May, 2013.

PAF Contingent comprising F-16s, Mirages Rose-II and 180 personnel participated in the Exercise with members of other two brother countries. Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey have a long history of military cooperation. The Air Forces of these brotherly countries have been successfully conducting joint exercises for many decades to enhance mutual understanding among them.

In this exercise, the contingents of three Air Forces undertook joint planning and execution of various combat missions. The exercise will hone their professional skills and enhance existing brotherly relations between the three countries and their Air Forces.

Earlier, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, who is on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, also called on Lt. General Mohammed Fayadh bin Hamid al-Ruwaili, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Saudi Air Force at RSAF HQs. Both the dignitaries discussed matters of mutual interest and various fields of future cooperation between the two brotherly Air Forces. The Air Chief also met with Pakistani contingent which is providing training of Mushshak aircraft to RSAF personnel at King Faisal Air Academy.