



Six JF-17 Thunders of Pakistan Air Force escorting Chinese Premier's VVIP aircraft upon arrival in Pakistani Airspace. (22-05-2013)

## **SIX JF-17 THUNDERS ESCORT CHINESE PREMIER'S AIRCRAFT**

**ISLAMABAD 22 May, 2013:** Six JF-17 Thunder fighters of Pakistan Air Force escorted the aircraft of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang as it entered Pakistan air space today. The formation of JF-17 Thunders was commanded by Wing Commander Ronald Afzal, guided the special Air China Boeing 747 aircraft of the Chinese Premier to the Nur Khan Air Base. To honour the distinguished guest, the same JF-17 Thunders also presented a fly past in two formations of three aircraft each. 02 Mirages and 02 JF-17 Thunder aircraft had also escorted the Former Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao when he visited Pakistan in December, 2010.

JF-17 program is a joint venture between Pakistan and China and is termed as a Flagship of friendly relationship between two countries. JF-17 is a co-designed, co-developed and co-produced aircraft that is being produced at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra through transfer of technology. The program offers a unique opportunity for strategic engagement between Aviation Industries of two countries.