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AIR CHIEF VISITS TRAINING BASE OF SOUTHERN AIR COMMAND

Karachi 04 JUNE, 2013: Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force visited a Training Base of Southern Air Command to inspect training facilities, capabilities and functioning of training units. During his visit, he interacted with airmen and civilians of the Base. He visited work centres, technical labs and school/college of the Base. Air Chief lauded the training efforts and preparedness of PAF training units.

Upon his arrival at the Base, a smartly turned out contingent presented Guard of Honour. The Air Chief reviewed the parade. While addressing formal gathering the Air Chief said, "we have external and internal threats and we have to be ready and prepared to face all such threats boldly. It is only possible if we are mentally and physically fit, every one has to be well aware of the importance of physical fitness. We must have intellectually honest, self motivated and confident manpower. Every member of PAF team working any where at any time should play a responsible role".

He further emphasized, "Our predecessors have worked very hard to achieve this standard of training and preparedness and these standards have to be continuously evolved and improved. As far as operational preparedness is concerned, we keep conducting inland and foreign exercises with friendly countries. All the countries have appreciated flying professionalism, discipline, conduct and preparedness of our personnel. PAF will approach the newly elected Government for enhancing the resources for the welfare of its personnel and their families".

Earlier on his arrival at the Base he was received by Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Iqbal, Air Officer Commanding, Southern Air Command.