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PAF CONTINGENT LEAVES FOR CHINA TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT AIR EXERCISE 'SHAHEEN-II'

ISLAMABAD 03 SEPTEMBER, 2013: The Pakistan Air Force contingent comprising Mirage and F-7 PG aircraft, combat Pilots and ground technical crew left for China to participate in the joint Air Exercise "Shaheen-II". The exercise will be conducted between PAF and PLAAF (People's Liberation Army Air Force) from 03 to 22 September, 2013. It is a historic event as it is the first time that the Air Force of any country would be participating in a joint Air Exercise in Chinese air space. It is pertinent to mention that the first exercise of this series "Shaheen-I" took place in March 2011 in Pakistan at an operational Air Base of Pakistan Air Force.

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 "Shaheen-II" will provide 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 emphasizes 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 theatres of warfare.

The Pakistan Air Force has been participating in a 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.