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Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force shaking hands with the outgoing Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, during the Change of Command Ceremony held at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. (19-03-2015)



Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force receiving General Salute during the Change of Command Ceremony held at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. (19-03-2015)

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SOHAIL AMAN TAKES OVER THE COMMAND OF PAKISTAN AIR FORCE

ISLAMABAD 19 MARCH, 2015:- Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman took over the command of Pakistan Air Force from Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, in a graceful Change of Command Ceremony held at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman was designated as new Chief of the Air Staff by the President of Pakistan on 18th March, 2015. During the ceremony, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, handed over the “**Command Sword**” to Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman and also decorated him with the ranks of Air Chief Marshal.

While speaking on the occasion, the outgoing CAS said, “The last three years were full of challenges; operationally, we were also in a period that needed continuity and thorough consolidation, to materialize the hard work done by my predecessors in planning and starting the induction of various modern capabilities. While the responses to external challenges, in complete synergy with other services, are well in place, the PAF has also been able to exploit its enhanced capabilities to play an extremely important role in supporting our valiant ground forces in their Law Enforcement operations.

The Air Chief further said, “With the beginning of production of JF-17 Block-II aircraft, the programme is well on its way with minor variations and aircraft has already been inducted in Combat Commander School to fully realize its potential as a modern platform. Govt’s consent is on its way to initiate process of configuration negotiations for JF-17 Block-III aircraft as well”. He further added, “The harmony and synergy amongst the three services as well as the understanding of each other’s problems is better than ever before. The jointness exhibited during relief and rescue operations or the on-going Zarb-e-Azb certainly augurs well for making the defence of our homeland impregnable.”