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RISALPUR 26 MARCH, 2015:- “The unwavering courage and strong motivation of our men has made PAF the front-line of national defence and an icon of undeterred strength” said the Air Chief, while addressing the Graduation Ceremony at PAF Academy, Risalpur today. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, was the Chief Guest at the graduation parade of 133 GD (P), 78 Engineering Course, and 13 A&SD course.

While addressing the graduating parade, the Air Chief said, “This is the era of rapid technological advancements. By the grace of Allah Almighty and concerted efforts of the successive generations of airmen, today the existing combat fleet of the PAF is in a highly operational state along with additions of more state-of-the-art equipment to the inventory. But weapons alone do not guarantee strength of a force. Therefore, to maintain your mark among leading Air Forces of the world, and to acquire professionalism and respect, you will have to work with missionary zeal to prove equal to every challenge”.

The Air Chief further said, “Pakistan has always followed the policy of peaceful co-existence, however, in the prevailing scenario; we are confronted with both internal and external security challenges. It is a matter of immense pride for the nation that PAF, in coordination with Defence Forces of Pakistan, responded to all difficult situations and thwarted nefarious designs of the extremist elements in a befitting manner. No doubt, the roles of the Sister Services are different and the platforms that we operate from are different, but our aim certainly is none other than providing invincible defence of this motherland”. The Air Chief added, “The decisive role of the PAF in the on-going Operation Zarb-e-Azb is a proof of our seamless coordination and tremendous harmony that have broken the back of the militants. I am sure, no one can ever dare to cast an evil eye on our hard-earned freedom, Insha Allah. We stand fully determined to continue our efforts until peace and stability are established, paving way for happiness and prosperity for citizens of Pakistan”.

A total of 106 Under Training Officers, including 09 female trainees were graduated on the occasion. The Chief Guest awarded branch insignias to the graduating officers and also gave away trophies among the distinction holders. The chief guest awarded Quaid-e-Azam Banner to No 1 Squadron, the Champion Squadron of the Academy.

Pilot Officer Fida Muhammad Khan of No 133 GD (P) course and **Pilot Officer Kashif Hayat** of 78 Engineering course were awarded with the trophies for Best Performance in General Service Training. Chief of the Air Staff's Trophy for best performance in Flying Training was won by **Pilot Officer Sikandar Waseem**, while **Pilot Officer Ahsan Naveed** clinched Chief of the Air Staff's Trophy for best performance in Engineering discipline. Trophy for the best performance in 13 A&SD course was awarded to **Pilot Officer Usama**. Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Flying Training was won by **Pilot Officer Fida Muhammad Khan** of 133 GD (P) course; whereas, **Pilot Officer Ahsan Naveed** of 78 Engineering course received the Sword of Honour for Overall Best Performance in College of Aeronautical Engineering.

The ceremony was followed by an exhilarating aerial display by the PAF Academy Aerobatics team 'Sherdils'. Earlier, on his arrival at the Academy, Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was received by Air Vice Marshal Aasim Zaheer, Air Officer Commanding PAF Academy, Risalpur. The ceremony was witnessed by **high-ranking Military & Civil Officials, Diplomats, foreign dignitaries** and a large number of guests of graduating/commissioning Under Training Officers and Aviation Cadets.