



Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford, Chief of Air Staff Royal Air Force, presenting the crest to Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force at RAF Headquarters, London. (28-10-2015)



Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, delivering a talk at International Institute for Strategic Studies, London. (28-10-2015)

AIR CHIEF CALLS ON CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, ROYAL AIR FORCE AND ADDRESSES THE BRITISH THINK TANK

Islamabad, 28 October, 2015: Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force called on Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford, Chief of Air Staff Royal Air Force, United Kingdom at RAF Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, London today. Both the dignitaries discussed matters of professional and mutual interest. While talking about the internal security situation of the country, the Air Chief reiterated Pakistan's resolve to eradicate the menace of terrorism from the country. The Air Chief highlighted the contributions of Pakistan Armed Forces and particularly accentuated PAF role in operation Zarb-e-Azb. He also emphasized on the importance of the conduct of mutual exercises between two air forces to benefit from each other experiences. Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford appreciated PAF's unmatched professionalism and its pivotal role in the ongoing operation against terrorism.

Earlier in the day, Air Chief also had an interaction with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) a renowned British think tank, where he talked about PAF's leading role in the ongoing operations against terrorism. Addressing the members of the think tank, Air Chief said, "Pakistan Armed Forces started operation Zerb-e-Azb in 2014 backed by political leadership and the nation. A robust and well integrated targeting and intelligence mechanism is in place to ensure effectiveness of operation and avoid collateral damage. PAF is operating with total precision, day and night in all weather conditions and its air strikes have neutralized command and control centers, ammunition dumps, hideouts/bunkers of the terrorists and have caused major destruction in terms of terrorists killed and infrastructure destroyed. These Air operations against terrorists have also created ground environment for Pak Army to operate with minimum resistance and limit own casualties". While concluding his arguments the Air Chief said that the international community must play its role to promote peace in Afghanistan which is essential for stability in South Asia.

Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force is on an official visit to UK where he would be meeting high ranking defence officials and would also be the chief guest at the graduation ceremony at RAF Cranwell.