



**Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, addressing at Dubai International Air Chiefs Conference held in Dubai (07-11-2015)**

## **AIR CHIEF ADDRESSES DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIR CHIEFS CONFERENCE**

**DUBAI 07 NOVEMBER 2015:** Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force participated in Dubai International Air Chiefs Conference held in Dubai today. The conference is part of the International Dubai Air Show, where aviation industries showcase their aircraft and military equipment. The Air Chief was among the few privileged speakers to address the select audience gathered here from around the globe. The Air Chief presented his vision on an important topic "Implementing a multi-layered approach to ISR (Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) collection". While dwelling upon the topic, Air Chief highlighted the importance of ISR operation for the PAF and said that real time intelligence through intelligence units, accurate surveillance of target through air borne platforms and quick response by PAF fighter aircraft are some of the key components of multi layered approach to ISR. The Air Chief was also of the view that as we continue to change the manner in which we contest a threat, the threat itself continues to change. Unconventional warfare has led PAF to evolve according to the threat and conduct air operations across the entire spectrum of modern day warfare. PAF is absolutely indiscriminate when it comes to engage the terrorists. PGMs (Precision Guided Munition) are used to avoid any collateral damage

and we give highest priority to the “Law of Armed Conflict” while devising our own procedures. Through our own efforts and from the support of our friendly countries, we shall continue to meet the challenges of national defence, as we evolve our tactics to remain relevant to the contemporary threat environment.

While highlighting the role of Pakistan Armed Forces in the ongoing anti-terrorist operations, the Air Chief said that PAF in synergy with Pak Army has played a key role in eliminating the terrorists. PAF has inflicted heavy losses on the terrorists by destroying their command and control centers and ammunition depots. The Air Chief also highlighted the role of Armed Forces in the repatriation of Displaced Persons. Large scale efforts have been made for infrastructure development and provision of basic amenities to the local population. PAF and Pak Army have joined hands for providing quality education to the youth of these areas, which would help in transforming these young minds into better citizens of the country.

During the conference, the Air Chief also met with air chiefs’ of other air forces and leading dignitaries attending the conference and exchanged views pertaining to the subject. The Air Chief will also witness the opening ceremony of Dubai Air Show, which will kick start from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.