



Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force and Mr. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan appreciating the skills of PAF Pilots during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)



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Mr. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan meeting with the parents of Flying Officer Marrison Mukhtiar (Shaheed) during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)



F7-PG aircraft performing strafing run during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)





Mirage aircraft delivering deorandal bombs during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)



“Pride of the Nation” JF-17 Thunder aircraft delivering bombs during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)



“Pride of the Nation” JF-17 Thunder aircraft performing low level aerobatics during Fire Power Demo-2015 held at PAF Firing Range Sonmiani, Karachi (07-12-2015)

## **PAF’S DEMONSTRATES ITS FIREPOWER AT SONMIANI FIRING RANGE**

**KARACHI, 07 DECEMBER, 2015:** Various frontline aircraft of Pakistan Air Force demonstrated a high level of speed, precision and lethality, during a fire power demonstration held at PAF Sonmiani firing range today. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was the chief guest at the occasion. On his arrival at the venue, he was received by Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force. Chief Minister Sindh Qaim Ali Shah, Federal Minister for Defence Khawja Muhammad Asif and high ranking defence officers also witnessed the demonstration. The Parents of Flying Officer Marium Mukhtiar (Shaheed) were also invited to witness this mega event. Air Vice Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Operations) delivered the inaugural address and briefed the guests about the recently concluded PAF’s Inter Squadron Armament Competition-2015 and importance of holding Fire Power Demo-2015.

While speaking at the occasion, the Air Chief said, “No worldly power is so strong to subdue us. We are fully prepared to thwart the nefarious designs of those who dare to disturb our peaceful way of life. The proof of our resilience is that the extremist elements have not been able to undermine our will, and after curtailing them to their size, we have sent a clear message that for every mischief they would make, Pakistani nation and its defence forces will serve them with an even stronger blow. In the face of these threats and provocations, Pakistan Air Force geared itself up and is fully ready to fulfill its mission of defending the aerial frontiers of Pakistan. Pakistan Air Force has the honour of leading from the front in the ongoing operation Zarb-e-Azb, in complete synergy with sister services.”

While addressing at the occasion, the Prime Minister highly appreciated the professionalism of PAF personnel and said, “The history of PAF is replete with examples of valour by the personnel who sacrificed their lives for defending the aerial frontiers of Pakistan. The unmatched courage and heroism of our air warriors have always made the entire nation proud.” He further said “The challenges and threats that the country faces today are not traditional. These should be viewed in the context of

global and regional environment and emerging challenges local as well as international. However, our resolve to combat terrorism is unwavering. PAF airmen and women are playing their part very well in Zarb-e-Azb and other campaigns against terrorists. I am proud of the fact that PAF is a key element of our counter terrorism operations in close coordination with Pakistan Army. The world acknowledges our contributions towards maintaining peace, and appreciates our consistency in domestic and foreign policy. Our national resolve and commitment to eliminate the menace of terrorism has earned us a sound repute and respect in the international society.”

The fire power demonstration started with a low level sonic boom by two Mirages flying over the range at supersonic speed. It was followed by formation fly past of frontline PAF fighter aircraft including JF-17 Thunder, F-16, Mirage, F-7PG & F-7P aircraft. Immediately afterwards, PAF's 'Eyes in the Skies' SAAB-2000 and Karakoram Eagle aircraft flew past the venue, dispensing flares.

After the fly past, four F-7PG aircraft appeared on the horizon and dived on to the targets demonstrating multiple strafing runs. Later on, appeared at the range, four JF-17 Thunder aircraft, performing multiple strafing runs with pin point accuracy. In an impressive performance, two formations of four Mirage each, flying at extremely low altitude, demonstrated level weapon deliveries and obliterated the mock targets with precision. They were followed by four JF-17 Thunder aircraft for a pop up attack releasing 500 and 2000 lbs bombs with extreme accuracy. Then appeared F-16 Block-52 and demonstrated carpet bombing with each aircraft dropping twelve 500 lbs bomb, annihilating the targets completely.

After the thrilling fire power demonstration of PAF fighter aircraft, the indigenously produced JF-17 Thunder, painted in the colours of National Flag, displayed breathtaking aerobatics. The audience were left spell bound to see the spectacular maneuvers of this aircraft, rightfully called “Pride of the Nation”.

After the exit of JF-17 Thunder from the scene, 06 ship K-8 aircraft formation of “**Sherdils**”, the aerobatics team of Pakistan Air Force Academy, Risalpur appeared on the horizon. The spectators thoroughly enjoyed their aerobatics and showed their appreciation by clapping and chanting slogans.

At the end of the ceremony, the Air Chief presented a painting of JF-17 Thunder aircraft to Mr Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan.