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## GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT PAF ACADEMY, RISALPUR

**RISALPUR 06 APRIL, 2016:-** The graduation ceremony of 116 Non GD & 38<sup>th</sup> BLPC courses was held at PAF Academy, Risalpur today. Lieutenant General Anwar Hamed Ameen Ahmed Commander Iraqi Air Force was the chief guest of the ceremony. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was also present at the occasion.

While addressing the graduating officers, the Chief Guest said that Iraq was the first Arab country to recognize Pakistan in 1947 and since then both countries are intertwined in eternal bonds of culture, religion and brotherhood. He said that graduation of 17 Iraqi trainees from PAF Academy is true manifestation of co-operation which will further cement the relationship of brotherhood between the two air forces in times to come. He acknowledged the professional approach and outstanding role being played by the PAF in pursuit of achieving goals of national security.

Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force also addressed during the ceremony and appreciated Commander Iraqi Air Force for accepting invitation and gracing the occasion with his august presence. He also said that Pakistan, Iraq and our air forces enjoy cordial and brotherly relations spanned over decades which are characterized by time tested bonds of affinity, mutual respect and solidarity. He advised the graduating cadets and officers to lead from the front and devote their energies to enhance professional competence and operational efficiency of respective air forces.

A total of 17 Iraqi Officers and 53 cadets including 11 female cadets graduated at the occasion. The Chief Guest awarded branch insignias to the graduating officers and also gave away trophies to the distinction holders.

Trophy for Best Overall Performance in Flying Training was won by Lieutenant Colonel Saad Malala Suleiman from Iraqi Air Force. Overall Best Performance Trophy in 116 Non GD course was won by Officer Cadet Anum Mushtaq whereas, Aviation Cadet Muhammad Sabir won the Overall Best Performance Trophy in 38<sup>th</sup> BLPC Course.

The “**Sherdils**”, the PAF Academy Aerobatics team also displayed an exhilarating aerial display at the occasion. The icing on the cake was a scintillating aerial display by the Pride of Pakistan, JF-17 Thunder aircraft.

Earlier, on his arrival at the Academy, the Chief Guest was received by Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force and Air Vice Marshal Asim 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 cadets and Officers.