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GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT PAF ACADEMY, ASGHAR KHAN

RISALPUR 31 MARCH, 2017:- The graduation ceremony of 118th Combat Support Course and 39th BLPC Course was held at PAF Academy, Asghar Khan today. Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen John Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal 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.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen John Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force during his address congratulated the graduating cadets on successful completion of their training. He referred to the historical linkages between PAF and Royal Air Force in the realms of operations and mutually beneficial training programmes. He said that his visit was

a manifestation of the shared feelings of mutual respect and close cooperation which existed between the two air forces and indeed the two nations. He also lauded PAF's frontline role in the operation against terrorists.

Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, during his address said that both Pakistan and United Kingdom enjoyed a relationship based on mutual trust and cooperation. He further said that Royal Air Force had rendered a valuable contribution towards the development of PAF especially in its early years and this contribution was indeed deeply regarded by PAF. He added that the relations between two countries and of course, the two air forces would continue to strengthen even further. He reiterated that PAF was poised to face all emerging challenges and the successes in Zarb-e-Azb were a testimony of its enhanced operational efficiency. He further said that PAF had a firm resolve to root out the menace of terrorism from our beloved country.

A total of 43 cadets including 09 Lady Cadets were graduated at the occasion. The Chief Guest awarded branch insignia and trophies to the distinction holders.

Trophy for Best Performance in 118th Combat Support Course was awarded to Aviation Cadet Maymoona Liaquat, while Aviation Cadet Muhammad Zada received trophy for Overall Best Performance in 39th BLPC Course.

The ceremony was followed by a thrilling performance by “**Eaglets**”- the Para Motor Glider team of the Academy. “**Bravehearts and Sherdils**”, the PAF Academy Aerobatics Teams also displayed an exhilarating aerial display at the occasion.

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. The ceremony was witnessed by **high-ranking Military & Civil Officials, Diplomats, foreign dignitaries** and a large number of guests of graduating cadets.