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## PAF'S ELITE NO 9 SQUADRON DECLARED THE TWIN OF ILLUSTRIOUS NO 9 SQUADRON OF ROYAL AIR FORCE

**MUSHAF 01 APRIL, 2017:-** It was yet another historic day in the remarkable history of Pakistan Air Force No 9 multirole squadron, when it was declared the twin of the renowned No 9 squadron of Royal Air Force in a grand ceremony held at PAF Base, Mushaf. Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen John Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force was the guest of honour in the ceremony. Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was also present at the occasion.

While addressing at the occasion, Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman highlighted the contributions of four British Commander-in-Chiefs of Royal Pakistan Air Force, who laid the foundation of a nascent Air Force. He added that keeping the traditions of these inspiring leaders in high esteem, the succeeding commanders of Pakistan Air Force made earnest efforts to transform it into a potent air arm of Pakistan. He further said that No 9 squadrons of both the Air Forces have a rich legacy and have been frontline squadrons since their inception. He reiterated that the twinning of these squadrons would help us in learning from each other and strengthening our cordial relations.

While addressing at occasion Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen John Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force said that Pakistan Air Force is respected world over due to its sound professionalism and it has brought many laurels to the country. He further said that the twinning of these renowned squadrons would further develop their capabilities and lay a foundation to build on the legacy of our predecessors.

Earlier in the day, the Chief of Royal Air Force witnessed the fly past of four ship formation of F-16 aircraft. It was followed by a thrilling solo aerobatic display of F-16 aircraft. To mark this momentous occasion, both the Air Chiefs also flew a mission in separate aircraft of No 9 multirole squadron. It was the first time that a foreign Air Chief participated in a joint mission with the Chief of Pakistan Air Force.

A large number of former squadron commanders, and high-ranking PAF Officers also attended the ceremony.

No 9 Bomber Squadron of Royal Air Force was raised in 1914 and it has actively participated in many wars ever since. Presently, stationed at RAF Marham, **Pathfinders** (call sign) are currently operating Tornado aircraft.

No 9 Multirole squadron of Pakistan Air Force was raised in 1943 at Risalpur, and it made its operational debut in Burma during World War II under the command of legendary Air Marshal Asghar Khan (then Squadron Leader). The squadron has a glorious history and has been in the frontline of Indo Pak wars and Afghan conflict. Commonly known as **Griffins**, the squadron is currently flying F-16 Fighting Falcon.