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PAF HAS ONCE AGAIN GIVEN AN EXCELLENT ACCOUNT OF ITSELF IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERROR : PM

RISALPUR 11 APRIL, 2017: The graduation parade of 137 GD (P), 83 Engineering, 93 Air Defence, 18 Admin & Special Duties and 02 Logistics courses was held at PAF Academy, Asghar Khan today. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was the chief guest at the occasion. On his arrival at the Academy, he was received by Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force. Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Iqbal Zafar Jhagra and Federal Minister for Defence, Khawaja Muhammad Asif also attended the ceremony.

While addressing the graduating cadets, the Prime Minister said, “Pakistan is a peace loving country and has always followed the policy of maintaining friendly relations with other countries particularly it’s neighbours. Pakistan for its part will never hesitate to extend the hand of friendship to all and shall never waiver from returning good will”. He further added, “Pakistan armed forces are fully capable and prepared to respond to any spectrum of threat. Operations against terrorists have brought tremendous improvement in the internal security environment. The PAF, alongside guarding air space of the country, has played a critical role in operation ‘Zarb-e-Azb’. True to its glorious traditions of defending national interests at every front, Pakistan Air Force has once again given an excellent account of itself in the fight against terror. The nation acknowledges and commends the exemplary valor and outstanding professionalism exhibited by Pakistan Air Force and its leadership at all tiers”.

A total of 113 aviation cadets graduated at the occasion. The Chief Guest awarded branch insignias to the graduating cadets and also gave away trophies to the distinction holders. The chief guest awarded Quaid-e-Azam Banner to No 1 Squadron, the new Champion Squadron of the Academy.

In College of Flying Training, **Chief of the Air Staff Trophy** for best performance in Flying Training was clinched by Aviation Cadet Sergeant Zeeshan Hameed. The coveted **Sword of Honour** for Overall Best Performance in College of Flying Training was awarded to Aviation Cadet Squadron Under Officer Nausherwan Ali. while Aviation Cadet Wing Under Officer Mubashar Aftab was awarded **Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Trophy** for Best Performance in General Service Training.

In College of Aeronautical Engineering, **Chief of the Air Staff Trophy** for best performance in Engineering was clinched by Aviation Cadet Sergeant Mehreen Azam ; whereas, the coveted **Sword of Honour** for Overall Best Performance in College of Aeronautical Engineering was awarded to Aviation Cadet Shahbaz Ahmad. Trophies for overall best performance in 93 Air Defence and 18 Admin & Special Duties were won by Aviation Cadet Imran Khan and Pilot Officer Shayan Ahmad respectively.

The ceremony was followed by a thrilling aerial display by “**Sherdils**”, the PAF Academy Aerobatics Team at the occasion. The ceremony was witnessed by **high-ranking Military & Civil Officials, Diplomats, foreign dignitaries** and a large number of guests of graduating cadets.