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Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force awarding The Rahim Khan Inter Base Flight Safety Trophy to PAF Base, Rafiqui at Pakistan Air Force's Annual Operational Review, for the year 2009, held at Air Headquarters Islamabad. (20-02-10)

PAKISTAN AIR FORCE'S ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REVIEW HELD AT AIR HEADQUARTERS

Islamabad 20 February 2010: Pakistan Air Force's Annual Operational Review, for the year 2009, was held at Air Headquarters Islamabad. The Review was presided over by Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force.

Air Commodore Farooq Habib, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Safety), Pakistan Air Force, presented the statistics of all major /minor air occurrences during the year. Later, a comprehensive presentation was delivered by Air Marshal Mohammad Hassan, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Operations), Pakistan Air Force in which entire activities of PAF were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman expressed satisfaction on the overall performance of PAF in year 2009. He stressed on the need to maintain a high state of operational readiness by the PAF to meet the challenges faced by the country. The new inductions in the PAF, and the emphasis on realistic training, evident by conduct of various Air Exercises undertaken within and outside the country, he said, are tangible steps in that direction. The Chief of Air Staff also highlighted the importance of preserving combat potential in the peacetime, which, he said, necessitated a strict observance of Flight Safety tenets. He further said that during 2009 PAF flew maximum with much lesser accidents/mishaps. Besides undertaking extensive anti militants Operations, PAF did not lose sight of the operational training required for maintaining optimum combat readiness state. Consequently, PAF participated in various operational exercises with foreign Air Forces abroad as well as in land.

The Activity concluded with award of the trophy and certificates to the Bases on their performances in Flight Safety and Sports. The Rahim Khan Inter Base Flight Safety Trophy was awarded to PAF Base, Rafiqui.