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**INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF JF-17 AVIONICS PRODUCTION  
HELD AT PAKISTAN AERONAUTICAL COMPLEX KAMRA**

**ISLAMABAD 28 May, 2010:-** A ceremony to inaugurate the production of first batch of JF-17 Thunder avionics in Pakistan was held at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra on Friday. Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force was the chief guest on this historic occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief of the Air Staff said “A strong air force is essential for our nation’s survival; therefore, self-reliance for PAF is an important factor. Today’s ceremony is an important step in this direction.” He expressed satisfaction that significant progress had been made in achieving our national objective of attaining self reliance in defence industries. He commended the management, airmen and civilians of PAC for their devotion and dedication towards this project of national importance and urged them to continue this journey with added zeal and zest.

Earlier, Air Marshal Farhat Hussain Khan, Chairman Pakistan Aeronautical Complex Karma, presented an appraisal of the JF-17 avionics programme activities. He informed that generic production and testing facilities had been established at Kamra Avionics and Radar Factory where, besides the Chinese avionics, four indigenously designed and developed avionics systems were also being produced. He informed that the production scope would be progressively broadened to include the production of complete JF-17 avionics suite at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex.

Secretary of Defence Production, Members of JF-17 Board of Directors, Principal Staff Officers of Pakistan Air Force and representatives from the Chinese aviation industries attended the ceremony.



**Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force along with Mr Lepei, Vice President CATIC inaugurating the production of first batch of JF-17 Thunder avionics in Pakistan at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra. (28-05-10)**



**Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force addressing at the inaugural ceremony of JF-17 Thunder avionics production in Pakistan at Pakistan Aeronautical Complex, Kamra. (28-05-10)**