

## **PAF FULLY COMMITTED IN FLOOD RELIEF OPERATIONS: AIR CHIEF**

**Islamabad 18 August 2010:** Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force presided over a meeting on PAF flood relief operations at Air Headquarters Islamabad. Principal Staff Officers of Pakistan Air Force attended the meeting. During the meeting, the Air Chief was briefed about the on going PAF relief operations in the flood affected areas of Pakistan. While addressing at the occasion, the Air Chief appreciated the efforts made by PAF field Commanders in carrying out round the clock relief operations in the entire length and breadth of the country. Air Chief showed solidarity with the flood affectees of the country and pledged to continue the PAF flood relief operations for as long as it takes. While talking to the Air Staff, the Air Chief said that it is our moral and national duty to support our countrymen during this time of natural calamity. He also directed the Air Staff to utilize all available PAF human and material resources to ensure timely relief to the flood affectees.

CAS directed to create an air bridge for the flood affected area of Jacobabad as it has been cut off from the rest of the country. He also directed that Sibi airfield is to be immediately operationalized by the PAF so that relief goods can be transported by PAF C-130 aircraft in that area.

Earlier, the Air Chief visited the flood affected areas of Sukkur and Jacobabad. He directed PAF doctors and para-medical staff at the relief camp to provide full support to flood affectees. The Air Chief also monitored the rescue operations carried out by the PAF helicopters and PAF SSG groups, operating on boats. He advised the field commanders to ensure maximum effort by both man and machine with safety to conduct seamless PAF flood relief operations.



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