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Pakistan starts production of advanced JF-17 Thunder Block III aircraft

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PAC develops capacity to produce advance 4.5 generation JF-17B Thunder Block-III jets

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Aircraft to be equipped with long-range superior radar system and advanced precise firing weapon

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PAC Kamra hands over 14 dual seater JF-17B Thunder Block-II fighter jets to PAF

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the Pakistan Air Force announced the serial production of the 4.5-generation aircraft of the most advanced variant of JF-17 Thunder Block III.

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The start of production was announced at a ceremony at the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC), Kamra where the PAF was also handed over the 14 state-of-the-art indigenously developed dual seater JF-17B Thunder Block-II fighter jets.

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The ceremony also marked the announcement of serial production of PAF’s most advanced 4.5 generation JF-17 Thunder Block III jets.

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The air chief commended PAC for the in-time completion of the project by the Aircraft Manufacturing Factory (AMF) team involved

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in the development of the advance generation of the dual seater JF-17B Thunder and Block-III jets version.

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The year of 2020 has been very challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic as it disturbed life all over the world.

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It also inflicted serious impacts on the PAC project of JF-17B Thunder Block-III as the entire complex has remained under lockdown,” said Air Chief Marshal Mujahid.

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The PAF chief lauded PAC Kamra for upholding its traditions despite the most challenging times of the pandemic.

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I would like to commend the entire team and PAC leadership including chairman PAC and managing director AMF for their concerted efforts to meet the project deadlines,” said Air Chief Marshal Mujahid.

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