

Dear Colleagues,

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It has been a great pleasure and honour to serve the Pakistan Airlines Pilots Association as its Vice President in the most difficult years for PIA pilots. I thank Almighty Allah for granting me the courage to successfully strive for your rights culminating in signing of the PALPA Working Agreement 2009-2011. The success would not have been possible without your strong and continuous support for PALPA Executive Committee.

Dear friends, I am happy that most of our issues have been finally resolved; but this success was achieved after relentless struggle and a lot of pain suffered by our members. Some were served show cause notices under infamous RSO 2000 and some have been harassed for supporting the pilots' cause.

Daunting this task was and daunting it still is as implementation of the agreed items will remain doubtful until they are followed in letter and spirit. We would also have to work on improving our image which has been badly tarnished by a group with vested interest in the management in its quest of pressing us to the wall and to sabotage our peaceful struggle towards a rightful cause. We were called "thugs", blackmailers and arm twisters but with effective media strategy and unity among the pilot community, we proved them wrong and today we have somewhat saved our image in public.

This is the time to consolidate our gains. This is the time to elect right people in the next PALPA elections. My dear colleagues I am contesting for the post of **PRESIDENT** in the coming PALPA elections. My performance as VP of this association is before you. I assure you that my commitment towards the welfare of the pilots would be the same, which I have depicted as your Vice President.

I would like to emphasize on the term **CONTINUITY** with seriousness as any lapse on our part at this stage can enable the vested interest to hoodwink the community yet again.

I must warn you that we must not lower our guard. We should maintain our unity, as we love this airline and want to see this airline flourish. We have made numerous sacrifices to keep it afloat. We never wanted any confrontation with the management and we never would. However, we would not compromise on our **genuine rights**.

Let me assure you that like always I will continue to keep the interest of the membership as a matter of paramount importance and shall continue to make all possible efforts for the justful rights of the pilot community in a respectable manner.

If elected **President**, I will continue to use all my experience and strength to protect the rights of all members. Being the most skilled and respected professional community of Pakistan, you have given your sweat and blood to enrich and keep this airline competing with the inner as well as outer challenges and **I am proud to be a part of you**.

God bless you all,

Sincerely yours,



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For PRESIDENT - PALPA

LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF PILOTS.