Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ213911

City: Sangsar

District: Zharay

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS3-318

Unit: ATS-3

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** The elderly villagers in Saidon were pleased that the people in Zangabad stood up against the Taliban and suggest that they do the same thing in Saidon.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Non-Supportive-INS.

**3. DETAILS**: On 14 Feb 13 while walking through the village, ASC-318 overheard two Pashtun men, 41 and 45 years old, discussing the actions of the Zangabad villagers against the Taliban.

The 41-year-old man said, “Saidon’s elderly people and their malik got together in the village last night and they were talking about that how good a job Zangabad villagers did when they spoke up for themselves and defeated the Taliban in their village a week ago.”

The 45-year-old man replied, “We need to do the same thing with Taliban in our village also, we cannot tolerate the Taliban in our village anymore. They have abused our people a lot in the past and now is the time for us, we must fight against them too.”

**4. COMMENTS:** The elderly villagers in Saidon were pleased with the actions of the people in Zangabad that they stood up to the Taliban. The elders believe that they need to do the same thing in Saidon.