Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR398011

City: Bazaar-e Zharay

District: Zharay

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS7-718

Unit: ATS-7

Tasker:

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**1. BLUF:** Local villagers feel unsure about what kind of progress will happen when the Americans leave Afghanistan. They do not want Taliban to come back to power as they believe it has set the country back a hundred years. However, they are not pleased with GIRoA and its progress either.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 16 Feb 13, ASC-718 overheard a conversation between four Pashtun men at the Zangabad area in Panjwai, between the ages of 20 and 50, talking about the Taliban era and current GIRoA achievements.

The first man said, “The only way Afghanistan can develop is by getting rid of the Taliban. Taliban took our country back hundred years while they were in power. If they come to power again, we will lose all the achievements that we have had in the past ten years.”

The second man said, “Let us hope Taliban never comes to power again, but this current GIRoA has not done anything for our people either.”

**4. COMMENTS:** These villagers do not want the Taliban to regain power in Afghanistan. They know and understand that it has set the country back hundred years but these villagers do not see a whole lot of promise from the current GIRoA and are unsure what kind of progress will be make when the Americans leave.