Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ33979224

City: Bazaar-e Panjwai

District: Panjwai

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS7-720

Unit: ATS-7

Tasker:

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**1. BLUF:** Local villagers believe that Afghan security forces can protect the country after ISAF departs. They want ISAF to stop Pakistan from interfering with Afghan affairs.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Supportive-GIRoA

**3. DETAILS**: On 16 Feb 13, ASC-720 overheard a conversation between two Pashtun men at the bazaar in Kandahar City, between the ages of 20 and 25, talking about ISAF withdrawal and Pakistan’s interference.

The first man said, “They are leaving the country because the Afghan forces are capable of protecting the country. The only thing that the Americans should do is to stop Pakistan from interfering in Afghanistan.”

The second man said, “If the Americans really want to see a stable Afghanistan, they should stop Pakistan. Afghanistan does not have any other enemy except Pakistan.”

**4. COMMENTS:** These villagers’ perception is that Pakistan is still interfering with Afghanistan. They also believe that GIRoA is in a position with a strong military and that they should be able to defend their country. With the Americans’ help Afghanistan should be able to progress militarily and politically.