Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ308936

City: Pashmul

District: Zharay

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS3-330

Unit: ATS-3

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**1. BLUF:** The villagers in Kandalay are glad that their ALP force captured two armed men suspected to be Taliban members from Pakistan in their village before they could possibly hurt anyone.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 13 Feb 13 while walking through the bazaar, ASC-330 overheard two Pashtun men, 27 and 33 years old, discussing the capture of two Pakistani men by the ALP.

The 27-year-old man said, “I heard that the ALP captured two armed Pakistani men near the ALP station in Kandalay. They saw the men riding by on motorcycles looking suspicious so they stopped them and directed them to come to the station for a search, the men refused so the ALP arrested them and that is when they found the weapons and Pakistani ID cards on them.”

The 33-year-old man replied, “This is great news that they were captured but at the same time scary because they men were from Pakistan and they were in our village. Our government needs to check out their story closely before they consider releasing them, to make sure that they are not Taliban.”

**4. COMMENTS:** The villagers in Kandalay are glad that their ALP force captured two armed men from Pakistan in their village before they could possibly hurt anyone. The villagers seem to believe that the men are Taliban because they are armed and from Pakistan; they want their government to check them out thoroughly before considering releasing them.