Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ204927

City: Balocan

District: Zharay

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS3-314

Unit: ATS-3

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** The villagers in Kolk are upset that ISAF arrested locals with no charges against them. They want the government to step in and release the men.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 10 Feb 13 while walking through the bazaar, ASC-314 overheard two Pashtun men, 23 and 30 years old, discussing the unfair arrests of men in their village.

The 23-year-old man said, “It was not right for ISAF to arrest men from this village and throw them in prison for no reason at all. When their families go to visit them now and ask why they have been arrested no one will tell them, this is wrong.”

The 30-year-old man replied, “Our government needs to step in and demand that these innocent men are set free and not held in prison a day longer. These men are being treated as prisoners now and will be treated as released prisoners when they do get out even though they have done nothing wrong.”

**4. COMMENTS:** The villagers in Kolk are upset that men have been arrested from their village with no charges against them; they want the government to step in and fix this problem. This is not the first time that there have been claims and complaints about men being arrested without cause and subsequently imprisoned. The villagers feel that it is the responsibility of their government to correct this problem.