Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR48320665

City: Lowy Menarah

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-613

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720; 080-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** Locals complain about an insurgent named Sarwar who tries to get villagers to join his jihad by paying money to drug addicts to emplace IEDs. Villagers are concerned about their safety and want ANP to monitor drug dealers and addicts.

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 16 Feb 13, while in Lowy Menarah Village, ASC ATS6-613 overheard a conversation between two Pashtun males. The men were taking about the presence of an insurgent in the village of Shatori.

The 45-year-old man stated, “A man by the name of Sarwar is enticing the villagers to join his fight against the unbelievers. He lives in Sar-Feraz mosque in Lowy Menarah. He is trying to lure men to join his cause. It is believed that Sarwar is working with the Taliban commander Agha-Wali.”

The 48-year-old man stated, “Sarwar is an insurgent. He pays 5000 AFs to drug addicts to emplace an IED. Most of the men who support the insurgents are drug addicts. They will do anything to get money to buy their drugs. Rumors are that Sarwar makes bombs in his house. The villagers fear that the ANP should keep an eye on the drug dealers and addicts in their village.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men discuss an insurgent named Sarwar in Shatori and say he lives in Sar-Feraz mosque. They say he is paying drug addicts 5000 AFs to emplace IEDs and he works underneath Agha Wali. According to them, all the insurgents in ARGAHDNAB are drug addicts who are exploited by insurgents. Past reporting shows that Shatori is a hotbed for insurgency activity currently.