Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR59321886

City: Shatori

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-620

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** Shatori base is strategically important and the ANP and villagers hope ISAF leaves tents and infrastructure to keep the ANP in business so that they can provide security.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Neutral.

**3. DETAILS:** On 17 Feb 13, while in Shatori ASC ATS6-620 overheard two Pashtun males. The men were talking about the closing of the American base.

The 23-year-old man stated, “The Americans are leaving the Shatori base in about a week. The ANP is going to take over the base. The ANP are hoping and praying that the Americans will not destroy the amenities or take everything with them.”

The 30-year-old man stated, “The ANP was told that the Americans are taking the tents with them. One ANP was overheard saying ‘America is a very rich country; I hope they will leave us some of their amenities, like a place to sleep and clean drinking water.’ The citizens believe that Shatori is strategically a very important base and hope the ANP will be able to maintain it.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men discuss the transition of Shatori base from ISAF to ANP. They say that ANP and villagers hope ISAF leaves tents and amenities to keep the ANP working comfortably and happily so security will be effective. Past reporting shows that ANP resources are limited and base reconstruction after transition takes a heavy financial toll on them.