Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR51550360

City: Pir-e-Paymal

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-619

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** The citizens of Pi-e-Paymal are ready to send their sons to serve in the ALP as they believe only Afghans can secure the country.

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 17 Feb 13, while in the village of Pir-e-Paymal, ASC ATS6-619 overheard two Pashtun males talking about the need for youth to join the ALP.

The 45-year-old man stated, “The citizens of Pir-e-Paymal are willing to send their sons to serve in the ALP. The population is familiar with the Taliban movements and tactics. As soon as the shrubbery grows and the Taliban can hide, they will be back to take control. Only the ALP who lives in the community and knows everyone in the village can fight the Taliban.”

The 40-year-old man stated, “Only the Afghans can take care of the security of Afghanistan. The foreigners are not able to bring sustainable security to Afghanistan. We must encourage our sons to join the ALP.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Villagers proudly state that Pi-e-Paymal residents are ready for their sons to join and serve in the ALP as Afghans can only secure Afghanistan. They say that villagers know the Taliban’s tactics and can best protect against the insurgents. Past reporting shows many residents of ARGHANDAB are ready to openly support GIRoA.