Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR50401060

City: Jelawur

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-600

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** An incident with Taliban and ALP caused the severe injury of an ALP commander related to the district chief of police who arrested 13 men for aiding the Taliban. Some villagers infer they are indeed Taliban supporters while one man disagrees and says the men are mostly innocent.

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 19 Feb 13, while in Jelawur, ASC ATS6-600 overheard three Pashtun males. The men were talking about the mine explosion in their village.

The 37-year-old man stated, “Last night at about 9 PM an explosion injured 3 ALP and their commander. It is believed that the ALP was attacked by the Taliban, the ALP fired back at the Taliban and fighting ensued. A remote controlled mine exploded in which the commander of ALP Mr. Hassan lost his legs and three of his men are seriously wounded.”

The 40-year-old man stated, “Commander Hassan is the nephew of the District Chief of Police Hajji Neyaz. Late at night the district chief of police arrived in the village and arrested 13 men on suspicion of aiding Taliban and emplacing the IED. The citizens believe that if the ALP and the ANP take their job seriously and patrol the areas like they are supposed to, then Taliban will not infiltrate the village. Maybe now the ANSF will wake up and take their duties seriously.

The 45-year-old man stated, “People are very upset in the village. They believe that most of the men who were arrested by the district chief of police are innocent and will never be exonerated.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Three men discuss the incident between Taliban and ALP where the district chief of police’s cousin was injured from IED caused amputations. Two of the men say that hopefully this will wake ANSF up to see that the real Taliban threat is out there but, contrarily, the third man says the detainees are mostly innocent and will never be exonerated. This is the first report of this incident to appear in ARGHANDAB atmospherics.