Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 42RQR554001

City: Kandahar (District 02)

District: Kandahar

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC RCS-039

Unit: RCS

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-099-20120125

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**1. BLUF:** Residents plan to rally against the governor and mayor. They demand that GIRoA remove them from their offices.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 19 Feb 13, ASC RCS-039 overheard a conversation between a 44-year-old and a 56-year-old Pashtun male in District 2 regarding the absence of Kandahar’s governor and mayor.

The 44-year-old male stated, “I heard rumors speculating that the governor and mayor are trying to flee Kandahar because people are rallying against them in order to have the government replace them.”

The 56-year-old male replied, “The governor fled to Canada and the mayor went to Kabul. Residents intending to attend these rallies are livid. They are going to express their displeasure. It may become dangerous. We want these traitors removed from Kandahar!”

**4. COMMENTS:** According to a couple of men in District 2, the governor and mayor fled Kandahar to avoid demonstrations against them. Residents demand their immediate removal from office because they believe they are inefficient and traitorous. In addition, they suggested that these rallies might become dangerous. This is the second report within a week regarding rallies opposing local leadership. Corruption and animosity regarding the province’s poor progression encompass the majority of these reports.