Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR54800240

City: Kandahar (District 01)

District: Kandahar

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC RCS-044

Unit: RCS

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** Students are upset that they cannot obtain jobs following graduation. Locals believe the Afghan Government should start programs to help recent graduates find employment opportunities.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 19 Feb 13, ASC RCS-044 overheard a conversation between a 23-year-old and a 25-year-old Pashtun male in Kandahar regarding students’ lack of job opportunities.

The 23-year-old male stated, “Sixty-eight students recently graduated with civil engineering degrees in Kandahar. They were sad following their graduation because they do not have job opportunities. Many companies outsource positions with higher paying salaries.”

The 25-year-old male replied, “The graduates requested to meet with the governor in order to develop a resolution for unemployment. The government is going to have to step in and implement a program to help the graduating students.”

**4. COMMENTS:** According to two men in Kandahar, students are facing difficulties obtaining employment following graduation because employers are outsourcing jobs. They are upset and believe the government must intervene in order to develop a program ensuring their success. Many reports convey aggravation with the status of the economy and the rise in unemployment.