Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR54800240

City: Kandahar (District 01)

District: Kandahar

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC RCS-044

Unit: RCS

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720; RCS-093-20111223; RCS-094-20120101

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**1. BLUF:** 500 ANA troops graduated from advanced training in Turkey. Locals are happy that ANA received the training and believe it will help ensuring security in the country once ISAF departs.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 19 Feb 13, ASC RCS-044 overheard a conversation between a 35-year-old and a 40-year-old Pashtun male in District 1 regarding the return of 500 ANA troops from Turkey.

The 35-year-old male stated, “When ANA troops complete their basic training in Kabul, they travel to Turkey for advanced training. Recently, 500 ANA troops graduated from training in Turkey. This is great!”

The 40-year-old male concurred and replied, “They need the additional training. It will benefit us once ISAF departs. I hope they do not cut the funding for the training.”

**4. COMMENTS:** According to two men in District 1, 500 ANA troops recently returned from advanced training in Turkey. The men are pleased with their training and believe the additional training will benefit them, especially once ISAF departs. Nevertheless, they are worried about the expunction of training funds following ISAF’s departure. Many reports convey support for the ANA. In addition, reports describing perceptions of the people regarding the transition of security forces are steadily increasing.