Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR54800240

City: Kandahar (District 01)

District: Kandahar

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC RCS-044

Unit: RCS

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**1. BLUF:** Residents convey their admiration for Panjwai residents for rising up against the Taliban.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 19 Feb 13, ASC RCS-028 overheard a conversation between a 45-year-old and a 49-year-old Pashtun male in Kandahar regarding Panjwai residents staging protests against the Taliban.

The 49-year-old male stated, “Rallies against the Taliban began in a small Panjwai village. They are tired of their mistreatment. I am happy they are taking a stand. It will motivate others to fight.”

The 45-year-old male replied, “I am eager to see what happens. It is exciting to see people stand up against evil. We have all suffered at the hands of the Taliban. We must not allow them to strip us of our freedoms and our right to receive an education.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men admired the courage of Panjwai residents for protesting and standing up against the Taliban. They are pleased to see people fight for their freedoms. Summarily, mistreatment caused the revolt. Within the past two weeks, reports regarding civilians rising up against the Taliban have increased tremendously.