Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41SQS706108

City: Tarin Kot

District: Tarin Kot

Province: Uruzgan

Report Basis: ASC ATS2-235

Unit: ATS-2

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** A group of men praised the ANA and believe they can defend the country once ISAF transitions security to the Afghan Government. They add that Pakistan is the biggest problem and wish that the country had a strong leader who could tell Pakistan to stay out of Afghanistan’s internal affairs.

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 18 Feb 13, while at the bazaar in Tarin Kot, ASC ATS2-235 overheard two Pashtun males, of the ages 50 and 55, talk about ANA improving their work performance.

A 50-year-old man said, “The ANA forces are not as bad as I thought they were. They came to our village for an operation and I was very impressed with them. I do not think there is going to be too much of a power vacuum when US troops leave. If they do not allow the enemy to infiltrate them and stay organized, they will be a force to reckon with.”

A 55-year-old man said, “You are right, they are not bad at all. Our biggest problem is Pakistan, if we can get them to stop supporting the Taliban our country will have peace. They have been interfering with our internal affairs for far too long. I wish we have a strong President who will put an end to Pakistan’s interference in our country.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men expressed their surprise at ANA’s job performance. These men are encouraged by the ANA’s job performance and feel there would not be a power vacuum when ISAF departs. They also want Pakistan to stay out of Afghanistan’s internal affairs and wish the country had a strong leader to have Pakistan do this.