Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41SQS743143

City: Tarin Kot

District: Tarin Kot

Province: Uruzgan

Report Basis: ASC ATS2-208

Unit: ATS-2

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** Locals alleged President Karzai is involved in corruption to pay for politics. They say that Karzai is the reason GIRoA cannot get rid of corruption in Afghanistan**.**

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 18 Feb 13, while at the bazaar in Tarin Kot, ASC ATS2-208 overheard two Pashtun males, of the ages 30 and 35, talk about President Karzai offering governorship of certain provinces for sale to the highest bidder.

A 30-year-old man said, “I overheard President Karzai is offering the governorship of certain provinces for sale to the highest bidder. Kandahar is being offered for $300.000, Kabul $300.000, Herat $200.000 and Jalalabad for $150.000 for a period of one year.”

A 35-year-old man said, “This is unbelievable, I thought corruption and bribing has to do with low ranking government officials. I did not know the President himself is involved; no wonder we cannot get rid of corruption in the country.”

**4. COMMENTS:** According to this report, President Karzai is engaging in corruption to play politics by offering the governorship of certain provinces to the highest bidder. These men feel Karzai is the reason the government cannot seem to get rid of corruption in the country.