Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41SQS730167

City: Tarin Kot

District: Tarin Kot

Province: Uruzgan

Report Basis: ASC ATS2-234

Unit: ATS-2

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-079-20110720

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**1. BLUF:** Two men alleged ANP conducted an operation in Qalacha Village and stole jewelry from the locals. They also asserted that the male ANP members searched female residents, which are against Afghan culture.

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

**3. DETAILS:** On 17 Feb 13, while at the bazaar in Tarin Kot, ASC-234 overheard two Pashtun males, of the ages 34 and 40, talk about ANP conducting an operation in Qalacha Village.

A 34-year-old man said, “MK’s deputy and his group were in Qalacha Village to conduct an operation. They searched houses looking for illegal weapons and drugs. They ordered all the men to step out of the house and left the women and children in the house. Locals were furious and questioned why the police did not bring female police officers to do the search? Some people also lost their jewelry during the search.”

A 40-year-old man said, “This is not right. I can understand ISAF doing this because they do not know our culture. The ANP knows our culture, why should men search women? Do they not have female police officers? These are some of things that drive people to support the Taliban.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Locals conveyed their displeasure at the ANP for their conduct. These men feel the ANP should have brought female police officers to search the females instead of men. They also accused the police of stealing their jewelry. This report is consistent with previous reports regarding police misconduct in the province.