Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ33979224

City: Bazaar-e Panjwai

District: Panjwai

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS7-720

Unit: ATS-7

Tasker: RCS-107-20121115

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**1. BLUF:** Some Afghans disagree with the mullah’s comments on Pakistan’s involvement with Afghanistan. The mullah believes that Pakistan is not an enemy and is helping Afghanistan.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Neutral

**3. DETAILS**: On 17 Feb 13, ASC-720 overheard a conversation between three Pashtun men at the bazaar in Kandahar city, between the ages of 20 and 60, talking about Pakistan’s activities in Afghanistan. One man said that Pakistan is helping some groups for its own benefits and those groups are destabilizing Afghanistan.

The first man said, “Mullah Sahib (Sir); When do you think peace will return to Afghanistan?”

The mullah said, “Once our people recognize our real enemy. They are spreading rumors that Pakistan is our enemy, but in reality they are our friends and they are helping us with our cause.”

The third man said, “Pakistan is not helping us, they are helping for their own goals. They want to destabilize Afghanistan. All the bombings and other insurgent activities are financed by Pakistan and Iran. Pakistan and Iran are both together in this and they are waiting for Americans to get out, so they can openly interfere and destroy Afghanistan.”

**4. COMMENTS:** This small group of Afghans disagrees with the mullah’s thoughts regarding Pakistan’s involvement with Afghanistan. The mullah seems to believe that Pakistan is not Afghanistan’s enemy and that they are trying to help. The younger generation knows that Pakistan and Iran are trying to keep Afghanistan unstable for their own benefit. This reports suggest that the different generations of Afghans differ on who is helping Afghanistan.