Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 42SUA51239331

City: Shah Joy

District: Shah Joy

Province: Zabul

Report Basis: ASC ATS4-419

Unit: ATS-4

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** Some Afghans praise Americans for efforts to bring new water systems to Shah Joy District. They say that locals will not only get fresh water but also have employment opportunities.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Supportive-ISAF.

**3. DETAILS**: On 18 Feb 13 while at a restaurant in Shah Joy, ASC-419 overheard two Pashtun males talking about the new water systems project.

A 35-year-old man said, “The Americans have approved water systems for 15 villages and the Americans will pay for the project.”

A 40-year-old man said, “This is very good for the people because they will get clean water and some employment as well. Financially they will be a little better. The people living in these villages are very happy about this.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men in a restaurant in Shah Joy talk about attempts by ISAF to bring fresh water to parts of Zabul Province. The men are very supportive of the effort and claim that those Afghans who are beneficiaries of the program are happy and have a positive view of ISAF.