Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 42SUA51239331

City: Shah Joy

District: Shah Joy

Province: Zabul

Report Basis: ASC ATS4-419

Unit: ATS-4

Tasker: RFAI-RCS-076-20110710; RCS-074-20110606

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**1. BLUF:** Afghans unhappy with tactics used by the ALP to recruit new members to the force.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 18 Feb 13 while in Shah Joy, ASC-419 overheard two upset Pashtun males talking about the ALP using harassment as a method to recruit from the villages.

A 35-year-old man said, “The Afghan local police are harassing villagers and forcing men from the villages into joining the ALP. Many village men do not want to join the ALP because they are afraid of the Taliban.”

Another 35-year-old man said, “Some villagers have moved to the Shah Joy Bazaar area. The villagers want to see the district governor and ANP commander to complain about the ALP in their village. The villagers want the district governor and ANP commander to remove the ALP from their village or they will all migrate to other districts.”

**4. COMMENTS:** The ALP’s harassment of villagers to recruit new officers is not a new occurrence and continues to be unpopular with many Afghans. In this particular instance, the villagers are threatening to go to the district governor and the ANP commander for help with the issue.