Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ35399199

City: Bazaar-e Panjwai

District: Panjwai

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS7-722

Unit: ATS-7

Tasker: RCS-074-20110606

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**1. BLUF:** Villagers support the ANP commander’s efforts to get rid of the Taliban in their area to ensure security.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 17 Feb 13, ASC-722 overheard a conversation between two Pashtun men at the bazaar in Panjwai, between the ages of 30 and 40, talking about the security situation in Zangabad area.

The first man said, “The Taliban had checkpoints in Grindi Village of Zangabad area and they were controlling the area. The new ANP commander is starting new patrols down there and has got rid of all the Taliban because of that.”

The second man said, “Let us hope he keeps pressure on them and gets rid of the Taliban there. There are mines all over the place and we cannot tend to our orchards or land because of these mines. Once they get rid of the Taliban, we will get GIRoA to clear all these mines.”

**4. COMMENTS:** The perception about the ANP commanders seems to be positive. These villagers agree with the ANP commander’s actions about getting rid of the Taliban in Zangabad; in hopes that they can live in peace and tend to their lands.