Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQQ35399199

City: Bazaar-e Panjwai

District: Panjwai

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS7-722

Unit: ATS-7

Tasker: RCS-108-20121115

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**1. BLUF:** Local villagers discuss who they plan on voting for in the upcoming elections. One Afghan praises governor Gul Agha Shirzai from Nangahar for his efforts. He also wants ISAF to remain in the country to ensure security during the elections.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 17 Feb 13, ASC-722 overheard a conversation between two Pashtun men at the bazaar in Panjwai, between the ages of 20 and 30, talking about the upcoming election. One man said that Gul Agha Shirzai did a great job developing Nangarhar Province and he is thinking about voting for him.

The first man said, “Election is getting closer, so who are you going to vote for?”

The second man said, “I will vote for whoever that works for our country and people. Gul Agha Shirzai is one of those candidates and he has done a great job developing Nangarhar Province. I think I will vote for him, but let us hope that the Americans do not leave soon, because I think our election will not have any positive results without Americans present since our security forces are not ready to take charge of security.”

**4. COMMENTS:** These villagers are debating who they plan on voting for in the upcoming elections. More reports from Panjwai suggest that the general population hear great things about the Governor in Nangarhar, Gul Agha Shizai.