Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 42SUA02165378

City: Qalat

District: Qalat

Province: Zabul

Report Basis: ASC ATS4-401

Unit: ATS-4

Tasker: RFAI- RCS-076-20110710

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**1. BLUF:** Crime ring runs rampant in Qalat City with the apparent help of the local police. Locals want GIRoA to stop the thieves so that the residents can feel safe again.

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

**3. DETAILS:**  On 19 Feb 13 while at a restaurant in Qalat City, ASC-401 overheard two Pashtun males talking about a crime spree underway in Qalat City.

A 28-year-old man said, “In Qalat City a group of eight thieves is robbing people in their homes. The thieves are armed with AKs and pistols. The thieves are beating people and taking everything from the homes.”

A 35-year-old man said, “The police are giving information to the thieves about upper class people. They are also kidnapping wealthy people for ransom. The residents of Qalat are very worried about this group and wonder who will be next. The public wants the government to find these thieves and give them harsh punishment. The government should keep the peace so the public can sleep in their homes at night.”

**4. COMMENTS:** An apparent crime spree runs wild in Qalat City and some feel the criminals have help from the local police. The thieves are apparently robbing and assaulting wealthier citizens of Qalat after being tipped off by the local police, according to this report. Frightened local residents ask the government to step in and put an end to the criminal activity.