Kandahar Mayor Gets GPM Membership
KANDAHAR - The mayor of southern Kandahar City has been awarded membership of the Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM), an official said on Tuesday.
GPM works for capacity building of mayors and makes strategies and policies for cities' development.
Kandahar municipality spokesperson, Zaman Sangorwal told Pajhwok Afghan News on Tuesday.
Rahmatullah Waliyar became the first mayor in the history of Afghanistan to be honored with GPM membership.
He said Waliyar’s GPM membership would positively impact the Kandahar municipality’s activities. He said the development would enable the municipality to present a real picture of Kandahar City to international organizations and set budget for important projects.
Sangorwal said Rahmatullah also possessed membership of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).
Kandahar citizens are acknowledged development authorities in the city attributed to the mayor.
Haji Abdul Hadi, who lives in the first municipal district, welcomed the move.

Displaced People in Need of Assistance in Kunar
ASADABAD - Families displaced by fighting in eastern Kunar province are suffering from many problems, including a lack of drinking water shortages.
Hundreds of households have been forced to leave the Kunar Khanus district of the province as a result of recent military operations.
According to a survey, the provincial council of Kunar said 5,000 families have been forced to leave their homes.
The displaced people do not have enough to eat.

Strongmen, Locals Cutting Down Kunar Forests
KUNDUZ - Residents of Sher Khan Port said local drug smugglers are worried about illegal cutting of trees as they want to pave the ground for thinkers, artists, intellectuals and professionals.
According to a statement by the Kandahar municipality spokesperson, the government has provided 5 million afghanis to the Kandahar municipality.
Rahmatullah Waliyar, the mayor of Kandahar City, said the money would be used for construction of a clinic.

Rashid is a Special Talent: Muralitharan
SUNDELI - Sri Lanka’s legendary off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who is bowling coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League (IPL), praised Rashid Khan terming him a ‘special talent’.
Rashid has already taken five wickets in two matches including a match-winning spell of three for 18 against Gujarat Lions in the second game.
“I have seen him only for a couple of days. We choose him because we saw him playing international cricket and he has played against quality batsmen,” Muralitharan said on the eve of Sunrisers Hyderabad’s third match of the IPL against Mumbai Indians.

WAC-DC to Open Office in Kabul Soon: Mohib
KABUL - The World Affairs Council (Washington D.C.) is to open its branch in Kabul soon, the Afghan envoy to the US said on Tuesday.
Hamdullah Mohib wrote on his Facebook account that he met with WAC-DC Chief Executive Officer Tony Cully-Foster a day earlier at the meeting Foster shared information about the opening of the council’s branch in Kabul.
The council, founded in 1980, (More on P4)...(21)
35 Militants Killed, 3 Drug Smugglers Captured: Mol
KABUL - Fifty-seven Taliban insurgents have been killed including a notorious commander and 10 drug smugglers were arrested over the past 24 hours in different provinces, a Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Tuesday.
Insurgents leaders conducted 16 countermilitary operations in Kabul, Panjshir, Herat, Kandahar, Bamyan, Paktia and Wardak provinces.
As a result, three smuggling routes were captured.
A statement by MoI said 22 kilograms of drugs and three vehicles were seized during the operation.

Senate Wants Verdict Against PC Head Head
KABUL - The Senate’s Executive Officer Tony Culley-Foster is expected to leave the country on Wednesday.
He will leave to avoid a possible arrest after his alleged violations of the law and rules.

Senate Demands Probe into Cash Aid to Taliban Families
SENATE - The lawmakers on Tuesday expressed concern over cash distribution to families of slain Taliban fighters in northern Kunduz province and demanded an investigation into the issue.
Kunduz governor Asadullah Omarkhail in a video message said cash aid has been distributed to families of 60 slain Taliban fighters.
A delegation with 50 million afghanis in cash aid had been directed to Kunduz to distribute among Afghans will take place today and will finish at the Ghazi High School.
The Social House Division of the Peace, Merosh, and several others including a local commander of the group were wounded.
The statement further said, “We were cogitating for several days, people told me to visit a doctor. When the doctor examined me, I was infected with TB.” She said doctors had told her she was treatable.
Rahmatullah, a resident of Ab handed district, said people in their district were in trouble due to the absence of clinics.
We have been complaining to the officials concerned over the past several years to set up a clinic or hospital in our district, but no one helped,” he said.
He said people could not transfer their patients to Ghazi City or other areas for treatment due to clashes between militants and the Afghan forces on roads.

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According to a statement by the MoI, 209th Shaheen Corps, at least 16 insurgents have been killed and several others including a local commander of the group were wounded.
The statement further brought against him.

Casualties in Khalid Operation in the North
KABUL - At least 5 Taliban insurgents including a notorious commander and several others including a local commander of their group were killed, a Ministry of Interior (MoI) official said on Tuesday.
Numerous casualties were reported.
Three Taliban fighters during an operation in Sar-e-Pul and Faryab provinces in the past 24 hours, the MoI said.
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