

CV Mohammad Gulab Mangal,  
guvernør i Helmand-provinsen



Name (Aliases)	Mohammad Gulab Mangal (Mohammad Gulabuddin Mangal)
Date/Place of Birth	1955/Gardez city, Paktika
Nationality/Ethnicity	Afghan/Pashtun
Personal History	Mohammad Gullab Mangal, an ethnic Pastun, has been the governor of Helmand Province since March 2008, replacing Assadullah Wafa. At that time, Mangal was highly endorsed by President Karzai and former Interior Minister Jalali, but subsequently, Mangal and Karzai have been at odds. Mangal has the confidence of Coalition military commanders, and has been effective in his three governorships. Mangal appears to have a genuine concern for the future of Afghanistan.

Mangal served as Governor of Paktika Province between May 2004 and March 2006, and subsequently, President Karzai transferred him from Paktika to Laghman. Before serving as governor, Mangal was heavily involved in the development of Afghanistan's constitution during the 2004 Constitutional Loya Jirga. In the 1970s, he worked at the Ministry of Interior and later joined the anti-Soviet jihad in the 1980s. His activity during the Taliban regime is unclear. Mangal was born in 1955 in Gardez City. He has a degree in literature from Kabul University and is married with children.

Mangal appears to be focused on improving conditions within the Province and within his Government. Mangal has a strong vision for Helmand and is committed to restructuring provincial government and to holding appointed officials to task. He comes across as professional, engaged, and concerned. He has significantly increased Line Director interaction with the PRT in a short period of time.