

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOHAMMED AKRAM
First Deputy Minister of Defense, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Bio

Lieutenant General Akram currently serves as the First Deputy Minister of Defense, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Prior to appointment to this position in 2008, Lieutenant General Akram served as the Chief of the Directorate of Defense and Security, Office of the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense has the responsibility to generate the Afghan National Army, institute ministerial systems, and resource the fielded force to build sustainable capacity and capability.

Lieutenant General Akram was born in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. He completed his primary education in Mashreqi and his secondary education at the Ahmad Shah BaBa School in Kandahar. Due to an early interest in the Military Profession, and a deep passion for serving his nation, he joined the Kandahar Army Corps. He served in every position from platoon commander to division officer and achieved the rank of Major General.

Continuing his successful military career in Kandahar, Lieutenant General Akram served as the Governor of Kandahar Province. In this position, he supervised all security in Afghanistan's southern zone, which included the 4 provinces of Kandahar, Zabul, Helmand, and Uruzgan. He was responsible for making policy and governance in this important region of Afghanistan.

As the First Deputy Minister of Defense, Lieutenant General Akram is credited with bringing ministerial management systems and processes to the day to day operations of the Ministry of Defense. His efforts have led to transparency in the Ministerial Budget process and functions; the Ministerial Logistics functions; Land Reform; and most recently, an Executive level Ministerial Personnel oversight council. All of these important endeavors support the overall goal of growing an Afghan National Army to 171,600 members by October 2011 and building sustainable defense forces for Afghanistan.

Lieutenant General Akram's continued initiatives enhance the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's ability to achieve stability and security in Afghanistan.