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According to a statement released by Ministry of Defense, Gen. Alizai will focus on three key areas or Chief of Operations.

The statement further added that Gen. Alizai will focus on minimizing casualties of Afghan National Army, building solid coordination especially in Batalion and Company levels, and turning tide on the enemy by going full offensive.

Gen. Alizai has been appointed as new Chief of Operations of the Ministry of Defense at a time when the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces have stepped up counter-terrorism operations across the country.

The officials are saying that the operations to suppress the anti-government armed elements are being conducted in parallel to ongoing efforts for a negotiated settlement of the conflict with an aim to force the militant groups to participate in peace talks.