KABUL - Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah Monday asked the Taliban to stop using children as soldiers in the ongoing conflict in the country.

The national unity government was pursuing a zero-tolerance policy on child soldiers, he told a ceremony marking the 27th anniversary of the Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan. While asking the insurgent movement to join the peace process, the CEO reiterated: “We won’t tolerate the use of children for military purposes.”

About the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan from 1979 to 1989, he said the repercussions of the war still continued to linger on... (More on P6)