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The Taliban in their statement in connection with the anniversary of former Soviet forces withdrawal from Afghanistan said the Red Army invaded Afghanistan to reach the Indian ocean, but received with their heads hanging down.

It said the former Soviet Union had occupied many Islamic countries and its invasion of Afghanistan had the same motive and tried every cruel tactics against the Afghan population. The Taliban said the Afghans paid a huge price in their jihad against the Soviets as about two million Afghans was a price for all Afghans who bravely defeated the invaders.

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