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OTTAWA, June 16 (UPI) -- A growing number of Canadian soldiers are suffering after witnessing Afghan boys being raped by Afghan soldiers, the Toronto Star reported Monday.

Several military chaplains told the newspaper they had counseled veterans returning from combat in Afghanistan for severe post traumatic stress disorder and their reports weren't being dealt with by the Canadian military.

On Saturday, the Star reported a Canadian corporal gave closed-door parliamentary testimony about a boy's rape he witnessed in 2006 and the visible signs of rape trauma.

The Liberal critic for national defense in Ottawa said he has asked party permission to query Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson about the sex-abuse allegations and said the soldiers' allegations should have resulted in at least a diplomatic note to the Afghan government.

"Anybody who says this is about cultural differences should have their head examined," Emerson told the Star.

