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## Red Cross Society of DPRK Demands Repatriation of Abducted Women Citizens

Pyongyang, May 19 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK gave an answer to a question raised by KCNA Saturday over the full revelation of the truth about the "group defection of woman employees of the north's restaurant abroad" by south Korean media.

The south Korean cable broadcasting JTBC recently put it that the "case of group defection of the north's employees" in April 2016 was proven to be a conspiratorial farce cooked up by the Park Geun Hye group of traitors, and that those women citizens of the DPRK were proven to have been forcibly abducted by the puppet Intelligence Service by interviews of a criminal involved in the case and victims, the spokesman noted, saying:

After all, it has been clearly proven that the claim about the "group defection according to free will", made so far by the puppet conservative group, was an anti-DPRK farce cooked up to turn the table in favor of them in the then "National Assemblymen" election.

What can not be overlooked is that the south Korean authorities, obliged to handle the issue, have adopted an unequivocal stance to shun the demand of the public at home and abroad.

The south Korean authorities are busy evading the responsibility while claiming that "there was limitation to grasping the truth as those directly concerned did not want to be interviewed". Meanwhile,

they are feeding the media with an absurd story that those women citizens of the DPRK can be "exchanged" with criminals who have been detained in the DPRK after being legally punished for their spying and hostile acts against it.

Do the south Korean authorities know that this has touched off towering grudge of the people in the DPRK including the families of the victims spending days and nights in tears and longing to see their beloved daughters come back.

At the historic April north-south summit meeting and talks we stressed the need not to hoard up the agreements reached between the north and the south as in the past, and the south side expressed deep sympathy with it.

However, the attitude taken by the south Korean authorities even before the ink on the Panmunjom declaration got dry has greatly disappointed us, not just arousing regret.

We can not but remind them of our stand that how they tackle the case of group abduction by the puppet conservatives, an anti-DPRK confrontational farce and hideous crime against humanity, would have great impact on deciding the prospect of settling the humanitarian issue between the north and the south clarified in the Panmunjom declaration.

Such hideous criminals as the Park Geun Hye group, who forced "defection" on our women citizens after luring and kidnapping them in group for confrontation with compatriots, in disregard of human ethics and morality and international law, must be brought to an international court for severe punishment.

The south Korean authorities should admit the unheard-of atrocity of the Park regime, severely punish those involved in the case, send our women citizens to their families without delay and thus show the will to improve the north-south ties.

We will prudently watch their future attitude.

## FM Issues Press Release

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK issued the following press release on May 12:

In accordance with the decision of the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Nuclear Weapon Institute and other concerned institutions are taking technical measures for dismantling the northern nuclear test ground of the DPRK in order to ensure the transparency of discontinuance of the nuclear test.

A ceremony of dismantling the nuclear test ground is scheduled between May 23 and 25, depending on weather condition.

Dismantlement of the nuclear test ground will be done in the following sequence--making all tunnels collapse by explosion; completely blocking the entries; removing all observation facilities, research institutes and structures of guard units on the ground.

In parallel with dismantlement of the nuclear test ground, guards and researchers will be withdrawn and the surrounding area of the test ground be completely closed.

The DPRK Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized, in this regard, to release the following decisions:

First, it has intention to allow not only the local press but also journalists of other countries to conduct on-the-spot coverage in order to show in a transparent manner the dismantlement of the northern nuclear test ground to be carried out in accordance with the decision of the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the WPK.

In due consideration of small space of the test ground, journalists from other countries will be confined to those from China, Russia, United States, United Kingdom and south Korea.

Second, the following practical steps will be taken to provide convenience of visit and coverage to international journalists.

1) All international journalists will be provided with charter flight from Beijing to Wonsan, and other related steps such as opening the territorial air space will be taken.

2) Special accommodation will be arranged in Wonsan for the stay of

international journalists, and a press centre be set up for their use.

3) A special charter train will be arranged from Wonsan to the northern nuclear test ground for the international journalists.

4) In consideration of the fact that the test ground is located in the uninhabited deep mountainous area, the international journalists will be accommodated in the special charter train and be provided with appropriate conveniences.

5) Necessary conditions and cooperation will be provided to the international journalists so that they can transmit at the press centre about the dismantlement of the test ground which they have covered on the spot.

The DPRK will, in the future, too, promote close contacts and dialogue with the neighbouring countries and the international community in order to safeguard peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and the world.

