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Japan Should Pay for Its Crime-Woven Past: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- Japan, an island country, has again betrayed its impudence.

As known, the Supreme Court of south Korea recently gave a decision that a relevant Japanese business should indemnify the Korean victims of the conscript labor forced by the Japanese imperialists.

However, Japan termed it "absurd judgment" and "challenge to the international community."

It even cries out for taking a tough countermeasure and presenting the case to the International Court of Justice.

It is just going so preposterously that its conduct cannot be described with even such expressions as "impudence" and "shamelessness."

The international community is greatly astonished by it.

Japan has no reason to protest against that judgment.

Japan, which declared conscription and requisition as its national policy, forcibly brought more than 8.4 million Korean young and middle-aged men to battlefields and labor sites through abduction and haul-off, and massacred them during its 40 odd-year-long occupation of Korea. This atrocity is still enraging the public.

The sites of slave labor where Koreans were toiling away still exist in Japan.

And the course of drafting, and cruel exploitation, oppression and killings of Koreans have already been proven by documents of the then Japanese army.

So, Japan is obliged to make a sound apology and national reparation to the Korean people for its crime-woven past when it inflicted the loss of manpower and mental and physical damage upon them.

This is also its legal and moral responsibility and duty before the international community.

Nevertheless, Japan is even denying the court judgment on reparation imposed on an individual company, and on the contrary, it is behaving just like a guilty party filing the suit first. Such conduct is reminiscent of gangsters and hooligans.

It sheds light on its intent not to admit, reflect on and atone for its past wrongdoings.

It is the ulterior design of Japan no longer to be shackled by the issue of the past in order to turn itself into a "country capable of going to war" by shaking off the yoke of a war criminal state.

That is why the Abe group is recently pushing ahead with the project of constitutional revision and the scenario for building a military giant.

Not content with denying the crime-woven past, it works hard to repeat it. Herein lies the political and moral vulgarity and impudence peculiar to Japan.

Japan can never evade the responsibility for atoning for its past and it should not avoid the atonement for its past.

It is the will of the Korean nation to make it pay dearly for the past heinous crimes without fail even generation after generation. -0-



KCNA Commentary Hits Out at Japan's Military Moves

Pyongyang, November 10 (KCNA) -- Intensified overseas advance of Japan's military is drawing serious concern of the international community.

The Japan Ministry of Defense recently made a formal announcement that it would dispatch its Ground "Self-Defense Force" to Vietnam for the first time in Asia.

This means the expansion of the sphere of SDF overseas military operation to Asia. The sphere was confined to Africa, where SDF troops were deployed under the pretext of "UN peace-keeping activities."

On November 5 SDF kicked off the largest-ever joint military drills in league with the U.S. and Canada under the pretence of "stability of the India-Pacific region."

Commenting on it, Reuters reported on Nov. 3 that Japan has buckled down to military buildup, being concerned about the security of Asia and it dispatched its biggest warship Kaga to various countries in the India-Pacific region including Philippines, Sri Lanka, India and Singapore within two months this year. Observers appreciated that the joint military drills are targeted at China bolstering its military force in the South China Sea, the British news agency added.

The aim sought by Japan in intensifying military drills with various countries in an all-round way outside its archipelago is as clear as noonday.

It is to materialize the wild dream for overseas expansion by making SDF's military operation easier across the world and perfecting the actual war capability of SDF.

The Japanese reactionaries, being crazy about the revanchist ambition, have never dropped the wild dream for overseas expansion.

With the modification of the "Japan-U.S. Defense Cooperation Guidelines" and the adoption of the "security law" in recent years, Japan expanded the SDF's operational sphere confined to its vicinity to cover the whole world. It also made it possible to exercise the "right to collective self-defense" under the pretext of military aids to "allies."

SDF has cunningly paved its path for overseas expansion bit by bit under the pretext of "keeping peace" and "combating terrorism." It has reached the phase of beating its military drums across the world, hyping "proactive pacifism."

Now that politicians of Japan are hurrying to revise the constitution to specify the existence of the SDF in the constitution in the wake of Prime Minister Abe's reelection as president of the Liberal Democratic Party, it is clear that Japan is openly pursuing the overseas advance of its military.

Japan is a country which inflicted untold disasters upon the peoples of Asian countries in the past century. It is just a defeated nation which is banned from exercising the right of belligerency and the rights to participate in a war and having a regular army. Its military's projected overseas advance just means a war of aggression and such attempt is definitely a crime.

The Japanese reactionaries should be aware that their desperate military moves will only make Japan further isolated and rejected by the peoples of the region and the international community.

Revival of militarism will bring miserable ruin to Japan. -0-

Japan Should Admit Sexual Slavery: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, November 16 (KCNA) -- Films dealing with the sexual slavery for the Imperial Japanese Army hit the silver screen at an international film festival in Washington D.C.

The first film festival squarely dealing with the sexual slavery has the theme "wartime sexual abuses, unhealed wounds."

Seeing this, the international community realizes that the settlement of the sexual slavery issue still pending in the crime-woven history of Japan has become a serious question, the solution of which brooks no further delay.

The sexual slavery is the heinous inhuman crime which was perpetrated by the Japanese imperialists with the direct involvement of their government.

Many Asian women including 200 000 Korean women were raped, gang-raped and massacred by the Japanese imperialists in an organized way. Yet, today's Japan fails to make an apology and reparation for it, still going with impunity.

Far from making an apology for the hideous past crimes and reflecting on them, the Japanese reactionaries are behaving so impudently, only to stun the public.

Worse still, they are working hard to cover up the information related to the sexual slavery.

Principal criminals involved in the establishment and operation of the sexual slavery system keep mum, not confessing their crimes.

A lot of classified documents detailing the sexual slavery run by the military are kept in the Ministry of Defense, Police Agency, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare and Ministry of Finance of Japan.

The ruling quarters of Japan are disallowing the description of the fact in the history textbooks while refusing to declassify the documents.

The Abe regime is talking rubbish that there is no information proving the Japanese army's forcible drafting of comfort women, and even terms the sexual slavery "volunteer service for making money."

However, the crime-woven history can be neither written off nor covered up.

A footage proving the heinous massacre of Korean women by the Japanese imperialists kept in the U.S. National Archives was opened to public recently. And operational records of the allied forces dealing with the gun-killings of the 30 Korean women dating September 13, 1944 were declassified.

This being a hard fact, Japan desperately moves to push under the carpet the sexual slavery crime and evade the international responsibility for it only to betray its moral vulgarity.

Japan should honestly apologize and atone for the sexual slavery, instead of disregarding the demand of the international community for the settlement of the sexual slavery issue.

Everything will go uneasy for Japan if it fails to atone for its past crimes. -0-

Who Disturbs Favorably Going Regional Situation:

KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, November 16 (KCNA) -- Japan's military moves are so noisy in the region recently.

It recently conducted an interceptor missile test in league with the U.S. in the waters off Hawaii.

In October the Ground "Self-Defense Force" staged its first joint drill with the UK army. It was reported that it is the first time for it to conduct a joint military drill with a foreign army on the mainland, except the U.S. army.

GSDF staged the first joint drill with the Indian army in a northeastern area of India.

As known, unprecedentedly getting stronger in the region is the joint effort for defusing the danger of war and preserving peace and security.

However, Japan is keen on disturbing the regional situation, failing to take part in the brisk regional dialogue but getting more and more isolated.

Worse still, the militarist fanatics of Japan are getting desperate in the reckless military moves for realizing the wild ambition for overseas expansion, only to go against the trend of the times and the public aspiration. This can never be overlooked.

The Abe regime decided to extend the sphere of SDF overseas dispatch to Asia this year although it was confined to Africa under the signboard of UN peace-keeping activities.

It established a mission in NATO and is putting efforts in intensifying "cooperation" with its member states.

The overseas advance of SDF being expanded to across the world means that Japan's military operation covers the whole world.

This also can be abused to secure a "pretext" for the Japanese forces to be involved in a war of aggression in any part of the world as was in the past century.

It is as clear as noonday that the Japanese reactionaries are seeking to realize their dirty dream at any cost by perfecting the actual fighting capacity of SDF under the pretext of "military cooperation" and "joint drill."

With no sleight of hand the militarist fanatics can ever hide their wild ambition.

The international community is seriously concerned of the Japanese reactionaries' bellicose moves destroying peace in the region and other parts of the world.

Japan should never forget that the international community is keeping its sharp eye on such moves. -0-

