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Situation on Korean Peninsula Can Never Be Tool for Meeting Japan's Interests: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, August 22 (KCNA) -- Very noticeable under the present situation is the military move of Japan.

The Japan Defense Minister recently described the DPRK's legitimate military measures for self-defence as sort of "threats" and called for further beefing up Japan's missile defence system. He also voiced his invariable stand for the deployment of Aegis Ashore despite strong rebuff at home and abroad.

This act expressly aggravating the regional situation vividly shows the crafty aim of the Japanese reactionaries to use the present stalemate on the Korean peninsula as a good opportunity for arms buildup.

It is a trite method used by the island country to deliberately strain the situation and use it as a pretext for openly pushing forward the moves for becoming a military power under the signboard of "defence".

Persistently spreading the story of the "threats from north Korea" in the past, Japan abused it for realizing its militarist ambition and found pleasure in faulting others.

It was none other than the Japanese reactionaries who were most displeased with the recent trend toward peace created on the Korean peninsula and the region and hindered every positive move.

They are now going sly to destroy the atmosphere of dialogue, incite the feelings of "insecurity" while branding the measures taken by the DPRK for bolstering up its military capability for self-defence as "violation of the UN Security Council resolutions" and a "serious task".

But with no sleight of hand can Japan cover up its true nature as a disturber of regional peace and a chieftain of the strained tension.

The Japan Defence Ministry announced on August 16 that it officially decided to introduce F-35B equipped with the capabilities for short-distance lift and vertical landing.

This aims at their practical use not only in the Air "Self-defence Force" (SDF) but on Izumo, the largest warship of the Maritime SDF. Therefore, the SDF's possession of a carrier, which does not comply with the principle of exclusive defence, has become an established fact.

Earlier, the Ministry announced that the largest-ever 5.3 trillion yen will be included in the rough budget estimate for next year.

Commenting on Japan's reckless military buildup, the south Korean MBC said that "Japan plans to squander 245 billion USD as defence expenditure for the upcoming five years. This means 50 billion USD a year, much greater than that of Britain and France. The scale of Japan's naval forces is reported to be larger than the combination of those of France and Britain. It is so huge unbecoming for a state that has a constitution banning a war."

Japan should clearly bear in mind the grave consequences to be entailed by its moves of trying to strain the regional situation and use it as a pretext for realizing their wild ambition.

The situation on the Korean peninsula can never be a tool serving Japan's interests. -0

Exclusion of Korean Children from Free Education System Is Serious Political Issue: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, August 21 (KCNA) -- Japan's mean nature has been revealed in the world's eyes once again.

It is going to exclude the facilities for upbringing children of foreign schools including the schools of Koreans in Japan from the system of free infant education and upbringing that was introduced in May.

This intolerable act of national discrimination is an unprecedented fascist one aimed to stamp out the national identity of the Koreans in Japan.

It is a widely known fact that the Japanese reactionaries have long maneuvered in a mean way by stopping the disbursement of educational aid funds and excluding Korean high schools from the system of free education for high school students with a purpose to stamp out national education, lifeline of the movement of Koreans in Japan.

But it is the first time they have stretched the dark tentacles even to innocent kindergarten children.

Due to such vicious moves of the Japanese politicians, parents of children attending Korean schools are only left to face extremely unfair and heavy financial burdens of paying more consumption tax only to be excluded from the "free infant education and upbringing" that relies on the tax.

This is a revelation of the sordid intention to pressure the economic life of Koreans in Japan on purpose, undermine the national education of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and, furthermore, take Koreans in Japan away from the homeland and Chongryon.

The national education of Koreans in Japan is an inviolable national right as it is quite just in view of the historical background of the Koreans in Japan and the universally acknowledged principle on the education of overseas citizens.

The international convention on abolishing all forms of racial discrimination adopted in UN in 1965 also termed any forms of discrimination, rejection and restriction on the excuses of family line and nationality racial discrimination, and branded organizations encouraging such acts and those affiliated to it as international criminals.

The Japanese reactionaries are a group of morally depraved and lawless ruffians who do not bother to trample elementary humanitarianism and humanity in order to meet their dirty political purpose.

The issue of excluding Korean children from the system of free education and upbringing is an issue related to the stand and attitude toward overseas citizens of sovereign states and, furthermore, a serious political issue related to the attitude of the Japanese authorities to the DPRK, before a simple financial issue of giving monetary support to the parents of Korean children.

The criminal state Japan calls for dialogue in front but behind the scene, it grinds its teeth to do harm to the DPRK and Chongryon. This is Japan's true nature.

The Korean people and the international community now hardly repress the towering grudge at the Japanese authorities following in the footsteps of the brigandish Japanese imperialists who committed the unethical crimes of ruthlessly encroaching upon the right to existence and the right to development of Koreans in Japan, to say nothing of their inviolable right to national education during the colonial fascist rule over Korea in the last century.

The Japanese reactionaries must ponder over the catastrophic consequences from their dirty anti-DPRK and anti-Chongryon moves, and stop the reckless farce. -0-

KCNA Commentary Urges S. Korea to Drop Stand Submissive toward U.S.

Pyongyang, August 22 (KCNA) -- The south Korean authorities are in trouble now under the pressure from the U.S. for increased "funds for

defence" ahead of the 11th negotiations on the "special agreement on sharing the expenses for defence funds".

Keeping pressurizing south Korea to fulfill its obligation to contribute to military defence offered by the U.S. forces, the U.S. speaks loudly about its ally's promise to pay more money and the start of the negotiations for increased payment to the U.S.

The U.S. State Department recently emphasized that the increased "funds for defence" has been one of issues that the U.S. has pushed forward in a bid to make it an established fact even before the start of the negotiations.

What matters is that the south Korean authorities are showing a leaning toward accepting the U.S. gangster-like demand, while talking about "correct standard" and "improvement of supply method" regarding the "defence funds". This is a truly senseless act.

As known, the presence of the U.S. forces in south Korea is pursuant to the U.S. strategic purpose to perpetuate the country's division and put the world under its control.

The south Koreans have long strongly demanded the withdrawal of the U.S. forces from south Korea as the forces commit only crimes like murder and robbery.

But a long line of the past south Korean rulers went mean, offering nearly one trillion won of funds as the upkeep for the U.S. forces every year, far from taking out the root cause that destroys the regional security and imposes only disaster on the people.

It was under this patronage that the U.S. has grown greedier enough to choose south Korea as the first target of its plan for drastic increase in the defence funds out of the countries and regions in which its forces are stationed. And such insulting words are openly heard from the U.S. that it is much easier to get defence funds from south Korea than to collect an apartment rent.

The U.S. gangster-like act of considering south Korea as a target of plunder and a faithful servant for meeting its greedy interests is an inevitable result produced by the south Korean authorities' servile policy submitting to the U.S.

Concession to aggression-minded outsiders instead of standing up against them will bring tremendous misfortune, pain and disaster to the people.

The south Korean authorities must drop the shameful submissive stand toward the U.S. -0-

Japanese Authorities' Crackdown on Korean Children in Japan under Fire

Pyongyang, August 19 (KCNA) -- The Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots of the DPRK issued a statement on Monday to denounce Japan which is dead set again on the policy of oppressing and obliterating the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and Koreans in Japan though it had called for "dialogue with the DPRK without precondition".

As already reported, the Japanese authorities will put into practice the measure of free expenses for all 3-5 year-old children at infant education and childcare facilities, including kindergartens and nurseries, from October 1, according to the "law on support to upbringing children" with "free infant education and child upbringing" as its content adopted at the Diet on May 10.

The statement said that what matters is that the Japanese authorities openly express their intention to exclude the infant classes of Korean schools from the support system and work hard to do it.

It went on:

Lurking behind the Japanese reactionaries' moves to exclude the infant classes of Korean schools from the support system for infant education and child upbringing is their cunning and wicked politically-motivated attempt to frustrate the national education for Koreans in Japan and cast a dark shadow on the future development of the Korean community in Japan.

As clear as noonday is the ulterior motive of the Japanese reactionaries who are hell-bent on their moves to enforce the unprecedented discriminatory policy against infants and preschool children of Koreans in Japan.

Their purpose is to tear the rising generations of Koreans in Japan away from the DPRK and Chongryon and assimilate and naturalize them in order to stamp out the Korean community in Japan.

In view of historical and moral obligation and duty, the Japanese authorities should include the infant classes of Korean schools in the support system ahead of others.

But they openly discriminate against the infants in the prime of learning mother tongue and exclude them from the system, indifferent to reflection on their past crimes and moral obligation for them, under the pretext that they are Koreans residing in Japan. This is the most mean and shameless crime which can be committed only by political dwarfs of the island nation.

The DPRK will never remain a passive onlooker to the Japanese reactionaries' ever-cunning and ever-vicious poor and slush moves to crack down and obliterate Chongryon and Koreans in Japan. -0-

