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KCNA on Truth about Japan's Absurd Story of "Kidnapping"

Pyongyang, June 30 (KCNA) -- The truth behind absurd story of "kidnapping" has been disclosed one after another in Japan.

Shortly ago, the police of Toyama Prefecture of Japan officially admitted that two women, "the possibility of whose kidnapping by north Korea" was thought to be hard to be excluded after they went missing in 1996, were found dead in the country.

The dead bodies of the two women were reportedly discovered in a car which was lifted up from the bottom of the sea off a port in the prefecture in March of this year and their identities were confirmed through DNA examination.

With this, the number of "kidnapping" victims touted by the Japanese reactionaries has decreased and clear examples proving the nonsense and deceitfulness of "kidnapping" have increased.

This being a hard reality, they assert that the number of specified missing persons, whose possibility of having been "kidnapped" by the north can not be excluded, has reached hundreds throughout the country. This is an absurd jargon.

The problem of missing persons, an inevitable product of the reactionary social system of Japan, is clearly an issue pertaining to the country and it has nothing to do with kidnapping even in the light of its conception.

If there is no result after a fixed period of investigation, all the people reported missing are automatically painted as victims of kidnapping in Japan.

This is not just an issue related to the incompetence of police authorities but part of the hostile policy toward the DPRK sought by the Japanese reactionaries who are working hard to draw water to their mill after maximizing and internationalizing the issue of missing Japanese as a political and diplomatic one.

In fact, Japan is neither justified to put up any conditions nor is entitled to raise the issue in the relations with the north.

As shown by the history, Japan is the kingdom of deep-rooted kidnapping.

It is a hideous unethical criminal state as it occupied Korea and abducted, kidnapped and drafted more than 8.4 million young and middle-aged men and 200 000 women to battlefields and construction sites and mercilessly killed at least one million of them in the last century.

Japan tries to present itself as a victim, not an assailant in a bid to evade the past liquidation at any cost and legitimize its hostile policy toward the DPRK through "kidnapping" that has already been solved.

The Japanese reactionaries are seeking to steadily publicize the hackneyed "kidnapping" issue to cover up the reality of unpopular social system troubled with steadily increasing number of suicide and the missing cases and divert the anti-government spirit in the country to abroad and, furthermore, create an atmosphere favorable for realizing its ambition of reinvasion.

This is the essence of "kidnapping" that the Japanese authorities tout as a "core issue pending" and a "top-priority item".

Japan is well advised to stop cunning acts aimed to shirk off its fault onto others. -0-

KCNA Commentary Censures Japanese Reactionaries for Distorting History

Pyongyang, July 1 (KCNA) -- Shortly ago, Japan opened to the public the industrial heritage information center in Tokyo where data denying the forced labor of Koreans in the Hashima coal mine is exhibited.

The Japanese reactionaries have long tried to register forced labor sites for exploiting Koreans including the Hashima Island as UNESCO's world cultural heritage. But they faced strong opposition at home and abroad and were compelled to admit the forced labor of Koreans in July, 2015 and commit themselves before the international community to taking a proper step to keep the memory of the victims and establishing an information center telling the whole history.

At that time the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, considering Japan's such attitude, adopted a decision on advising Japan to make public the history about the forced labor of Koreans in every site.

However, just after attaining their purpose, the Japanese reactionaries openly exhibited fabrications denying the forced labor of Koreans, far from the above-said commitment and decision.

This is another unpardonable mockery of the Korean nation and the international community and unethical crime as it is an impudent distortion of history.

As far as the Hashima coal mine is concerned, it had been called by even Japanese a hell from the outset of its development owing to its poor living and labor conditions.

The Japanese imperialists brought some 1 000 Korean people to the island without source of edible water and forced them into painful slave labor of more than 12~14 hours every day. The Koreans were the targets of all sorts of national discrimination and maltreatment.

The testimonies by a Korean who had a narrow escape from the island of death and the Japanese who lived on its neighboring islands and a book written by Eidai Hayashi, a Japanese writer, go to clearly prove the crimes of the militarist murderers who maltreated and massacred Koreans brutally on the Hashima Island.

This being a hard fact, the Japanese reactionaries are spreading false information, describing it as "testimonies" by islanders, terming such act the one following the resolution and advice from the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee. This is, indeed, an unpardonable provocation to the mankind calling upon the island nation to sincerely atone for its crime-woven past.

The Japanese authorities are desperately resorting to distortion of history while labeling the proper understanding of the criminal history of the Japanese archipelago as "self-tormenting outlook on history".

Their purpose is to evade their responsibility for atoning for the unethical crimes at any cost and to keep the Japanese people in ignorance, so as to use them as a shock brigade for overseas invasion again.

This is, indeed, outrageous.

The more desperately the Japanese politicians try to deny their past history and revive militarism, the bitterer denunciation and hatred of the international community they will meet, and this will cast a shadow on the future of the archipelago state.

In the final analysis, they are rejecting "self-tormenting outlook on history" to write another history of their self-ruin.

The Abe regime would be well advised to stop the useless act, though belatedly, and sincerely reflect on the past crimes and make due reparation for them as it is legally and morally obliged to do so. -0-