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Press Statement Issued by Vice-Minister for European Affairs of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Pyongyang, June 17 (KCNA) -- Kim Son Gyong, vice-minister for European Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following statement on Wednesday:

On June 16, the spokesperson for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy led by the High Representative of the European Union picked a quarrel with the DPRK's measure of completely destroying the north-south joint liaison office and overrode her commission in making absurd remarks that the DPRK should avoid any action that could raise tension and that it is imperative for the DPRK to open the lines of communication to avoid misunderstanding and miscalculation. She also said that the EU encourages dialogue for denuclearization on the Korean peninsula and the restart of a sustained diplomatic process aimed at building trust and establishing lasting peace and security on the Korean peninsula, free of nuclear weapons at the earliest possible time.

We are now pretty immune to such gibberish of the EU, but I didn't know that the EU's power of judgment was at such low level.

It may be so that I only feel sorry, rather than angry, for its behavior of keeping silent when all sorts of incidences take place on a worldwide scale, but never miss its chance to raise its voice whenever it is provided with anything to pick on us.

It is only deplorable that the EU, being ignorant of the fundamental reasons behind the current breakdown of the inter-Korean relations, is reeling off only unreasonable and trite remarks such as "building trust" and "lasting peace" on the Korean peninsula.

How can it dare to let out such words without even knowing about the intensity of rage incurred by hurting the mental core of our people?

If the EU wants to make a word on this occasion, it would need to give a good talking to the south Korean authorities that it should severely punish the human scum who trifled with the entire people, daring hurt the dignity of Supreme Leadership, held most sacred by our people.

In the past, the EU has assumed saintly airs and feigned ignorance about the severe infringement upon the sovereignty and the rights to existence and development of our state. But it has made its business to launch a smear campaign against the DPRK while displaying a spirit of rivalry in finding faults with any of the self-defensive measures taken by the DPRK to bolster up its national defense capabilities.

I do not hide the fact we had even expected that a new EU leadership, which was formed at the end of the last year, would conform to the impartiality and objectivity, to some extent, in international affairs unlike its predecessors who had been too ready to take sides with the U.S. in its policy of putting pressure against the DPRK.

But this expectation is gradually fading away with the passage of time.

To correctly judge and deal with the issues of international relations on the basis of the universal principle of impartiality and objectivity, I think, this stands as a precondition for the EU to realize its idea to become an independent pole in the international arena.

The EU is well advised to lend an ear to the voices of European DPRK experts who demand an immediate reformulation of its policy towards the DPRK, rather than getting overheated in picking on us simply without any discretion.

To do so, I think, is just the way to save the face of the EU-the regional organization of integration which consists of 27 countries. -0-

KCNA Commentary on Japan's Sycophancy toward U.S.

Pyongyang, June 18 (KCNA) -- People are suffering bitterer misfortune and agony due to the U.S. military bases in Japan.

Days ago, residents in Kinowan City of Okinawa Prefecture protested to the defense authorities against noise pollution caused by increased night flights at the Futenma U.S. air base.

Local media said that the U.S. is continuing their night flights under the pretence of protecting Japan although the governments of Japan and the U.S. have concluded an agreement on noise control to limit the night flights of the U.S. warplanes. And local residents have made more than 100 complaints about their mental and physical sufferings from noise for the last two months as the number of night flights has drastically increased since April, local media reported.

As the reality shows, the U.S. military base in Japan is not the "pillar of security" but the source of misfortune and pain and hotbed of crimes that seriously endangers the lives of Japanese people.

Last year alone, such warplane accidents as emergency landing, collision and aircraft component drop broke out one after another from the outset of the year to panic citizens and such crimes as murder of a Japanese woman, assault on a policeman, drunken driving and house burgling were committed by GIs.

In this April, there was a sensational case of large-scale poisonous material leakage at Futenma base and two GIs recently robbed an exchange house in Okinawa Prefecture.

Nevertheless, the government obliged to protect the lives and properties of its people is only busy with preserving the privileges of the U.S. troops in Japan.

Whenever an accident happens, it fails to make even a word of protest to its master but ends up with wresting an "apology" or "commitment to prevent the recurrence". It goes against the will of the people demanding the fundamental revision of the "Japan-U.S. status of forces agreement" which gives the U.S. troops in Japan extraterritorial rights, and feigns ignorance as if the problem is in the application of agreement.

Japan, which overlooks the sufferings of its people while reading the face of foreign forces, is a "sovereign state" without sovereignty that is going to ruin.

Such mean behavior of the Japanese authorities engrossed in sycophancy toward the U.S., bereft of dignity and rights as a state, is just the sealed

fate of the vassal state shackled by its master politically, economically and militarily.

The politicians of the island country are feigning that they are suffering humiliation and shame for a great thing but the reality is that Japan has neither guts to offend its master nor strength to bear the consequences.

The U.S. is urging Japan to pay an astronomical amount of money as defense cost, impudently saying that Japan is an allied country, not a vassal one, and that the relations between the two countries over the issue of security should be equal. This seems as if it is making fun of the miserable position of the island country in a fix.

The pain and misfortune of the Japanese people can never vanish as long as the government's sycophancy goes on. -0-

Tok Island Is Part of Inviolable Territory of Korean Nation: KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, June 18 (KCNA) -- The Japanese reactionaries are devoting all their energies to usurping Tok Island.

Shortly ago, the chief Cabinet secretary said that Takeshima is part of the inviolable territory of Japan from the viewpoints of historical fact and international law.

"Dominium over Tok Island" much touted by the Japanese politicians is very unreasonable sophism and manifestation of their dangerous and aggressive policy for realizing their ambition for reinvasion at any cost.

As proved by historical fact, our ancestors had used Tok Island as a base of fishery and for other purposes from the ancient times, officially put it under the control of Uljin County, Kangwon Province in 512 A.D. and declared dominium over it on several occasions.

Japan was the very country which recognized Tok Island as our territory and legally prohibited Japanese from invading it.

Tok Island is clearly marked as our territory on maps drawn by Japanese geographical scholars in the era of Edo Shogunate. At that time it was said by Japanese that "there is no doubt that Tok Island belonged to Korea from long ago" and "fishing there by people of our country must be banned". So, even a shogunate decision on informing the Korean feudal government of it was made in January 1696.

Our dominium over Tok Island can be found not only on maps drawn by Japanese and in decisions made by Japan in the past but also on maps drawn by the U.S. and Britain to confirm the territory of the island nation after the defeat of the Japanese imperialism.

Order No. 677 issued by the General Headquarters of the Allied Powers on the basis of the Cairo Declaration and Potsdam Declaration in January 1946 stipulates that Ullung Island, Tok Island, Jeju Island, etc. are excluded from Japan.

All the facts go to prove that there can never be a territorial dispute between Korea and Japan from the historical viewpoint.

Then why is Japan obstinately claiming that Tok Island is part of its inviolable territory?

Its aim is to provide a legal justification for invading the continent by misleading the public opinion at home and abroad to meet its taste and triggering off a territorial dispute.

The Korean nation will never allow its inviolable territory where their ancestors lie buried to be held by gangsters of the island nation again.

Tok Island will remain as the eternal land of the Korean nation in the future, too.

Japan would be well advised not to act rashly, clearly bearing in mind that its moves for usurping other's territory will lead to self-destruction. -0-

S. Korean Authorities Deserve Punishment:

KCNA Commentary

Pyongyang, June 19 (KCNA) -- The south Korean authorities have now lost control of themselves owing to the physical action which is just the first phase step of the primary action taken by the DPRK.

The chief culprits, who had driven the inter-Korean relations into a total breakdown, came to the fore one after another as if they were struck with a bolt from the blue to claim that the full responsibility for the situation rested with the north and they would strongly cope with it, branding the measures taken by the DPRK as an unprecedented and senseless act and one never to have been done.

This is just like a guilty party filing the suit first.

The DPRK reached out to south Korea in good faith but the south Korean authorities are the very chief culprit who compelled the DPRK to completely shut down all contact channels with south Korea on the unwavering principle concerning the main enemy.

Look back upon the past two years if they are unwilling to admit and be held responsible for their act.

What has been done by them though we offered good "conditions", enough time and good advices for them to fulfill their duty for the nation?

We are fed up with the disgusting acts of the south Korean authorities who accepted the "south Korea-U.S. working group" even before the ink on the north-south agreement got dry and told the outsider all issues related to the north-south ties and begged for its approval.

It is none other than the south Korean authorities who staged in public the withdrawal of military posts and removal of mines from the Demilitarized Zone but behind the scene they have been engrossed in military exercises with the foreign force and brought the latest military hardware aiming at the fellow countrymen at the expense of the astronomical amount of fund, mostly taxes collected from the people.

They have connived at the leaflet-scattering by the human scum ten times last year and three times this year, reneging on the promise to halt hostile acts in the frontline areas. This has seriously offended us.

Though we were distressed and troubled because of the disposal of all the rubbish dumped into our side and though our people and service personnel rose up in demand of scattering similar leaflets and stamping out the

habitat of human scum, we exercised extreme patience for the great cause of the nation

Even at a time when we blocked all spaces including the ground, sea and air because of the worldwide pandemic, they flied all sorts of rubbish in the sky above the forefront areas, creating a grave obstacle in our anti-epidemic campaign. This was greatly enraging. Still, they adopted haughty air and tried cunningly to find an excuse by trumpeting about "freedom" and "human rights" after conniving at the unpardonable act of daringly hurting the dignity of our supreme leadership. We can no longer show any mercy to such men.

There is a limit to our patience.

Every sin brings punishment it deserves.

Seeking to shift the blame for which they are responsible on to the other is, indeed, the act of weak-kneed guys with no energy for honestly reflecting on their sin.

There is no need to sit face-to-face with those who have no will and ability for decisive action, substance and trust but only the settlement of accounts with them awaits.

The south Korean authorities should stop clamoring for shifting the blame for deteriorated north-south relations on to the other, clearly understanding that all measures taken by us are punishments they deserve for their crimes. -0-

KCNA Commentary Denounces Japan's Moves for Constitution Revision

Pyongyang, June 19 (KCNA) -- A signature campaign involving hundreds of thousands of citizens was recently conducted in opposition to projected constitutional revision aimed at specification of the existence of the "Self-Defense Force" in Japan.

Citizens reportedly joined in the campaign actively though it was hard for them to go outside due to widespread novel coronavirus.

This is an eruption of anger at the present government running amuck for constitutional revision, and a manifestation of the Japanese people's strong aspiration that Japan should not be involved in a terrible war any more.

Now Japanese Prime Minister Abe is making desperate efforts to realize at any cost the constitutional revision which he regards as the biggest political goal of his career during his tenure of office which will expire before long.

He is busy with propaganda about the "justice" of the constitutional revision, saying that "he remains unchanged in his will to realize the revision by himself at any cost." He calls for "putting an end to the debate on the constitution by specifying the existence of the 'Self-Defense Force' correctly in the constitution" and "creating an environment for raising the morale of the SDF members".

Saying "the constitutional revision is a principal policy of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its historic mission", he eggs the LDP on to the constitutional revision and puts pressure upon the Diet to hasten the constitutional revision.

The constitutional revision doggedly pushed forward with by the Abe group is, in essence, an extremely dangerous act to turn Japan into a war-capable state by rounding off the legal foundation for militarization and overseas expansion.

Japan, in actuality, has completed the preparations for reinvasion in all aspects through ceaseless moves for turning Japan into a major military power from its defeat till now. The only thing left to be done by Japan is to "turn itself into a "country entitled to have an army and ignite a war" by revising the constitution.

It is a calculation of the Japanese reactionaries that the constitutional revision would enable Japan to legalize overseas invasion and mobilize all its human and material resources to prosecution of a war in the event of contingency.

Japan has dreamed a pipedream of realizing the unattained wild ambition for "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" and world hegemony by taking part in a war of aggression again.

The present constitution of Japan is a legal commitment it made to the international community that it would only take the path of peace permanently, not the one of militarization and overseas aggression as it is a defeated nation in the Second World War.

Japan will turn itself into the common enemy of humankind if it enforces the constitutional revision finally.

History shows that those going against the desire of mankind to live in peace all faced ruin without exception.

Japan should not act rashly, bearing in mind that it could have existed without trouble in the Asia-Pacific region where peoples still harbor grudge and hatred at it, thanks to its Pacifist Constitution. -0-

Preparations for Distributing Leaflets towards South Pushed forward

Pyongyang, June 20 (KCNA) -- Wrath and zeal for retaliating against the human scum and betrayers for hurting the most sacred dignity of our supreme leadership and insulting the whole Korean people beyond control are getting more intensive.

Our people's holy retaliatory struggle is aimed at making the human scum bitterly feel what absolute inviolability they challenged. The struggle has turned into the one for distributing leaflets to the south in denunciation of the heinous perpetrators.

The enraged people across the country are actively pushing forward with the preparations for launching a large-scale distribution of leaflets to pour the leaflets of punishment upon those in south Korea who are bereft of even elementary morality.

Publishing institutions are printing off leaflets to be indiscriminately slapped on the south Korean authorities who have played on the hope and expectations of all the compatriots placed on the inter-Korean agreement with wicked puns over the past two years.

Little short of indictments outspokenly disclose and slam the criminal acts of the south Korean authorities which have been forsaken by the public mindset for terminating the inter-Korean relations and pursuing sycophancy toward the U.S. They are being piled as high as a mountain as if it was an eruption of the will of our people to imprint in the minds of enemies how excruciating the cost of their betrayal is.

The students of universities at all levels are getting themselves ready to launch the distribution of the leaflets on a large scale as soon as the areas close to the boundary between the north and the south are opened and their entry into the areas is approved according to relevant procedures.

Every sin brings punishment to it.

Every action should be met with proper reaction and only when one experiences it oneself, one can feel how offending it is.

The south Korean authorities will face really horrible time. -0-

