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KCNA Commentary on Japan's Crazy Bolstering of Military Muscle

Pyongyang, March 25 (KCNA) -- Japan has taken another step toward risky militarization.

Days ago, the Defense Ministry of Japan announced that Mitsubishi Heavy Industry and seven other Japanese enterprises have launched a joint designing of fighters according to the plan for developing and deploying the next-generation fighters of the air "Self-Defense Force."

The next-generation fighter to be equipped with the latest stealth capability is obviously for preemptive attack. To possess such war hardware definitely runs counter to the principle of home defense stipulated in the current Japanese constitution.

Japan's crazy beefing up of military muscle is a reckless move to realize its wild ambition for overseas expansion at any cost by furthering the striking power of the SDF.

Worse still, it trumpets about "maintenance of technical power of domestic industry for home defense" after choosing the notorious war criminal enterprise as the principal axis in developing the fighter. This is no more than an intolerable challenge to the people of the DPRK and other Asian countries which suffered misfortune and pain owing to Japan in the past century. This is also tantamount to an open declaration that it will further speed up the preparations for igniting a war.

The island nation has dashed towards militarization at a breakneck speed since the emergence of the Suga regime.

While drastically increasing the military spending, it is accelerating the development and production of weapons for attack.

It has allocated 5 342.2 billion ¥, an all-time high, for military expenditure in 2021 and invested lots of funds in the development of the next-generation fighter.

The gravity of the issue lies in the fact that Japan is pushing ahead with the bolstering of its military muscle in all aspects including air, ground, sea, outer space and cyber space, while focusing on enhancing the preemptive striking power.

Japan has decided to build two new-type ships equipped with Aegis systems and develop domestic long-range cruise missiles. In March alone, it built or launched several warships including a miniaturized escort ship with an intensive operation system and a ship with a sound detecting range of several hundred kilometers.

It has also pushed forward with the project for developing supersonic missiles with a striking range of over 500 kilometers. It has buckled down to the efforts for mounting a laser weapon on a vehicle to neutralize hostile drones.

At present the Japanese reactionaries are going to operate a system of monitoring outer space in a bid to seize the military edge in outer space from 2023 by using the space operation unit formed last year.

Recently it organized an electronic warfare unit operated by the latest "network electronic warfare system" within the ground SDF.

Commenting on the facts, foreign media said that Japan's navy is reminiscent of the navy of the Imperial Japanese Army in the past and the military muscle of the SDF "ranks fifth in the world."

Astonishing is the fact that Japanese militaristic maniacs don't try to cover up the fact that their frantic arms buildup is aimed to contain its surrounding powers by force of arms.

All these facts show that even though it has been scores of years since Japan's defeat, the Japanese reactionaries remain unchanged and get evermore undisguised in their wild ambition for reinvasion and daydream for the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere".

Japan is the chief enemy of regional and global peace as it runs amuck to turn itself into a war-capable country at all costs, far from admitting its bloody history of aggression and making a full apology and compensation before the international community.

It had better remember that it is bound to face bitter ruin if it persists in incurring the disfavor of the world people as now. -0-

Academy of Defence Science Test-fires New-type Tactical Guided Missiles

Pyongyang, March 26 (KCNA) -- The Academy of Defence Science of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea test-fired newly developed new-type tactical guided missiles on Thursday.

The test was guided by Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Department of Munitions Industry of the Party Central Committee and leading officials in the sector of national defence scientific research.

The newly developed new-type tactical guided missile is a weapon system whose warhead weight has been improved to be 2.5 tonnes with the use of the core technology of tactical guided missile that was already developed.

The two testfired new-type tactical guided missiles accurately hit the target set in the waters 600 kilometers off the east coast of Korea.

Right after the test-firing, the Academy of Defence Science clarified that the test-firing was very successful just as it had been confidently predicted, adding that the reliability of the improved version of solid fuel engine was confirmed through several engine ground jet tests and their test-firing processes, and that the irregular orbit features of low-altitude gliding leap type flight mode already applied to other guided missile were also re-confirmed.

Ri Pyong Chol said that the test-firing is an important process in implementing the policy of national defence science set forth at the 8th Congress of the WPK and that the development of this weapon system is of great significance in bolstering up the military power of the country and deterring all sorts of military threats existing on the Korean Peninsula.

He immediately reported the successful result of the test-firing to the General Secretary of the WPK and conveyed the congratulations of the Party Central Committee to the sector of national defence scientific research. -0