

Statement of DPRK Foreign Ministry Spokesman

Pyongyang, November 4 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) issued the following statement on Friday:

The DPRK has already clearly warned that if the U.S. does not wish to see a grave situation hurting its own security interests to happen, it should stop at once the provocative combined air drill Vigilant Storm.

This is a manifestation of the DPRK's peace-loving efforts and patience to prevent a dangerous conflict that can be entailed by the offensive war drills targeting the belligerent side under the current unstable military armistice system and to create a stable security environment on the Korean peninsula and the region at any cost.

Over such serious developments, countries in the region, too, have repeatedly called upon those parties responsible for the present unstable situation of the Korean peninsula to take a step for detente through sincere practical actions, correctly diagnosing its reason and source.

However, the U.S. ignored the demands of the DPRK and regional countries and the self-evident principle of maintaining a peaceful stable environment and instead responded by staging combined air drills for aggression under the pretext of deterring and coping with any provocation. And it decided to extend the training period, originally scheduled until Nov. 4, over the DPRK's legitimate self-defensive countermeasure, and went the length of calling a UNSC meeting, another provocative action.

The U.S. military confrontation hysteria, that reached the extremes, is badly affecting even the whole security circumstances in Northeast Asia beyond the scale of the Korean Peninsula.

The DPRK Foreign Ministry scathingly denounces the irresponsible and reckless acts of the U.S. as a grave encroachment upon the security of a sovereign state and a shameless challenge to the international community's desire for peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the region.

The military exercises of the DPRK armed forces after the U.S. started the combined air drill, Vigilant Storm, in collusion with its vassal forces are due reaction and action warning to the hostile provocations.

The prevailing grave military confrontation situation was evidently caused by the U.S. and south Korea staging the largest-ever joint air strike drill while clamoring about "overwhelming counteraction" against the DPRK.

The reckless confrontation option of the U.S. and south Korea cannot be construed otherwise than a very dangerous scheme to keep on making the serious unstable atmosphere prevail in the Korean peninsula and the region by maintaining the source that caused the hostile tensions.

The entire responsibility for the present situation on the Korean peninsula rests on the U.S. trying to force the DPRK to unilaterally disarm itself through sanctions, pressure and military threat by mobilizing its allies in the region.

The U.S. revealed before the world that its stereotyped stand of "dialogue without any preconditions" and "settling issues through diplomacy" is nothing but a smoke screen to deceive the international community and its aim is only to escalate the sustained tension and instability on the Korean peninsula.

The sustained provocation is bound to be followed by sustained counteraction.

The DPRK once again clarifies that it will never tolerate any attempt of the hostile forces to infringe upon its sovereignty and security interests but respond to it with the toughest counteraction to the last.

No matter how the situation may develop and what kind of unimaginable situation may arise, the DPRK will never flinch from the just road for defending the dignity and sovereignty of the state and the security of the people.

The U.S. should not act rashly. -0-

Press Statement of Secretary of WPK Central Committee Pak Jong Chon

Pyongyang, November 3 (KCNA) -- Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made public the following press statement on Thursday:

It was reported that the U.S. and south Korea decided to extend the combined air drill Vigilant Storm.

It is a very dangerous and false choice.

The irresponsible decision of the U.S. and south Korea is shoving the present situation caused by provocative military acts of the allied forces to an uncontrollable phase.

The U.S. and south Korea will get to know what an irrevocable and awful mistake they made. -0-

Report of General Staff of KPA on Its Military Operations Corresponding to U.S.-South Korea Combined Air Drill

Pyongyang, November 7 (KCNA) -- A report of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army on its military operations corresponding to the Vigilant Storm, the U.S.-south Korea combined air drill, was issued.

The full text is as follows:

The serious situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula due to the reckless military hysteria of the U.S. and south Korea is now moving toward the more unstable confrontation.

Vigilant Storm, the largest-ever U.S.-south Korea combined air drill, was staged in south Korea from Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 with hundreds of fighters of different missions involved, including nuclear strategic bombers.

The large-scale combined air drill is, in fact, an open provocation aimed at intentionally escalating the tension in the region and a dangerous war drill of very high aggressive nature directly targeting the DPRK.

Intolerable and unpardonable are all the recent challenging moves of the U.S. and south Korea staging military drills for aggression on a large scale.

In order to demonstrate the thoroughgoing and resolute will to counter the grave situation and the clear self-confidence in the military capabilities of the armed forces of the DPRK and to inspire the officers and men of the Korean People's Army, filled with their resolute retaliatory will, with the conviction of sure victory, the General Staff of the KPA conducted the following corresponding military operations from Nov. 2 to 5:

Simulating the strike on the enemy's air force base in the morning of the first day of the operations, missile units in North Phyongan Province fired four tactical ballistic missiles loaded with dispersion warheads and underground infiltration warheads at a desert island off the West Sea Barrage, and in the morning and afternoon the anti-aircraft missile units of the air force on the east and west coastal areas fired 23 ground-to-air missiles while staging an exercise to annihilate air targets at different altitudes and distances. Claiming that a DPRK's missile dropped near the "territorial waters" of south Korea that afternoon, the enemy fired in return air-to-surface guided missiles and gliding guided bomb at the open sea of the DPRK side. Corresponding to this rash act, the KPA fired two strategic cruise missiles with the shooting range of 590.5 km at the open sea around 80 km off the coast of Ulsan City of south Korea (35°29'51.6" latitude and 130°19'39.6" longitude) from North Hamgyong Province.

At the request of the Academy of Defence Science on the second day of the operations, the KPA conducted important test-fire of ballistic missile to verify the movement reliability of a special functional warhead paralyzing the operation command system of the enemy. And it fired five super-large multiple launch missiles and tactical ballistic missiles of various missions and 46 long-range multiple launch missiles into the East Sea as part of its counteraction to smash the enemies' persistent war hysteria.

On the third day of the operations, a large-scale all-out combat sortie operation of the air force with 500 fighters of various missions involved was conducted for 3 hours and 47 minutes in order to show the will to counter the combined air drill of the enemy.

Simulating a strike on the enemy's air force base on the fourth day of the operations, the KPA fired again two tactical ballistic missiles loaded with dispersion warheads and two super-large multiple launch missiles at a desert island off the West Sea Barrage.

All the corresponding military operations have successfully achieved the planned purposes and the high performance of the KPA operations has been satisfactorily assessed.

Through the operations, the armed forces of the DPRK fully responded to the enemy's combined air drill, increased its self-confidence in neutralizing the "theory of superiority" of the enemy air force, perfectly confirmed the confident military posture and capability of the KPA and further hardened its absolute corresponding will.

The recent corresponding military operations by the KPA are a clear answer of the DPRK that the more persistently the enemies' provocative military moves continue, the more thoroughly and mercilessly the KPA will counter them. This is the principle and direction of action of the DPRK's armed forces in the future, too.

The KPA General Staff once again clarifies that it will continue to correspond to all the anti-DPRK war drills of the enemy with the sustained, resolute and overwhelming practical military measures. -0-

Press Statement of Vice Director for Military Foreign Affai rs of DPRK Ministry of National Defence

Pyongyang, November 8 (KCNA) -- The vice director for Military Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following press statement on Monday:

Recently, the U.S. is persistently spreading a groundless "rumor of arms dealings" between the DPRK and Russia in a bid to make it a fait accompli at any cost.

The vice-director general of the General Bureau of Equipment of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK had already denounced the U.S. for its "rumor of arms dealings" as a plot-breeding story against the DPRK.

We regard such moves of the U.S. as part of its hostile attempt to tarnish the image of the DPRK in the international arena by invoking the illegal "sanctions resolution" of the UNSC against the DPRK.

We once again make clear that we have never had "arms dealings" with Russia and that we have no plan to do so in the future.

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The U.S. should not pull up the DPRK without any reason. -0-



for International Organizations

Pyongyang, November 8 (KCNA) -- Kim Son Gyong, vice-minister for International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, issued the following press statement on Monday:

I express strong regret at the fact that the UN secretary general issued a statement on Nov. 4 groundlessly pulling up the DPRK over its just counteraction for selfdefence to cope with the U.S. military provocations, and categorically reject it.

The DPRK Foreign Ministry has already clarified that the military drills for counteraction conducted by the Korean People's Army were a due reaction to the largest-ever combined air drill staged by the U.S. and south Korea.

This being a hard fact, the UN secretary general is echoing what the White House and the State Department say as if he were their mouthpiece, which is deplorable.

Who committed the provocation and who is to be blamed for it?

If the war drills being staged in a frantic manner by openly introducing an aircraft carrier and strategic bombers against the sovereign state are described as "defensive" and the exercise of the just right to self-defence to cope with them is branded as "provocation", the UN, whose most important mission is to maintain global peace and security, will lose its justification for existence.

Being the chief of the UN, a world-wide body, he should remain faithful to the mission and universal value of the UN which regards equity and objectivity as its lifeblood, and should not be biased towards the interests and views of a big power or a small group in judging and dealing with all matters.

I think that the unfair and prejudiced behavior of the UN secretary general is to blame to some extent for the situation on the Korean peninsula getting so serious.

If the UN secretary general truly wants to contribute to maintaining the world peace and stability, he would be well advised to stop dancing blindly to the tune of others and focus on getting rid of the source of provocation with correct insight. -0-

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